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Good Day, Sunshine Concentrating intently, Lynn Hassell, Al Philpott, Jason Spindle, and Thad Lyman, from Art II work on an assignment given to them by their art teacher, Rachel Sigler. *Photo by Rachel Sigler.*

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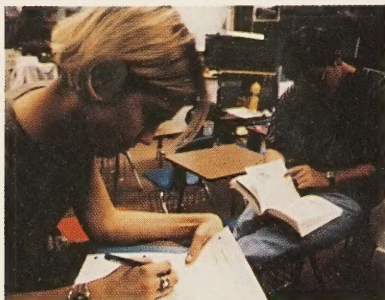
"Blue 42, Blue 42!"

Waiting for the center to hike him the ball, Jay Schmitz calls out the play during a football game against Brooke Point. The team put out much gallant effort this season despite their losses.

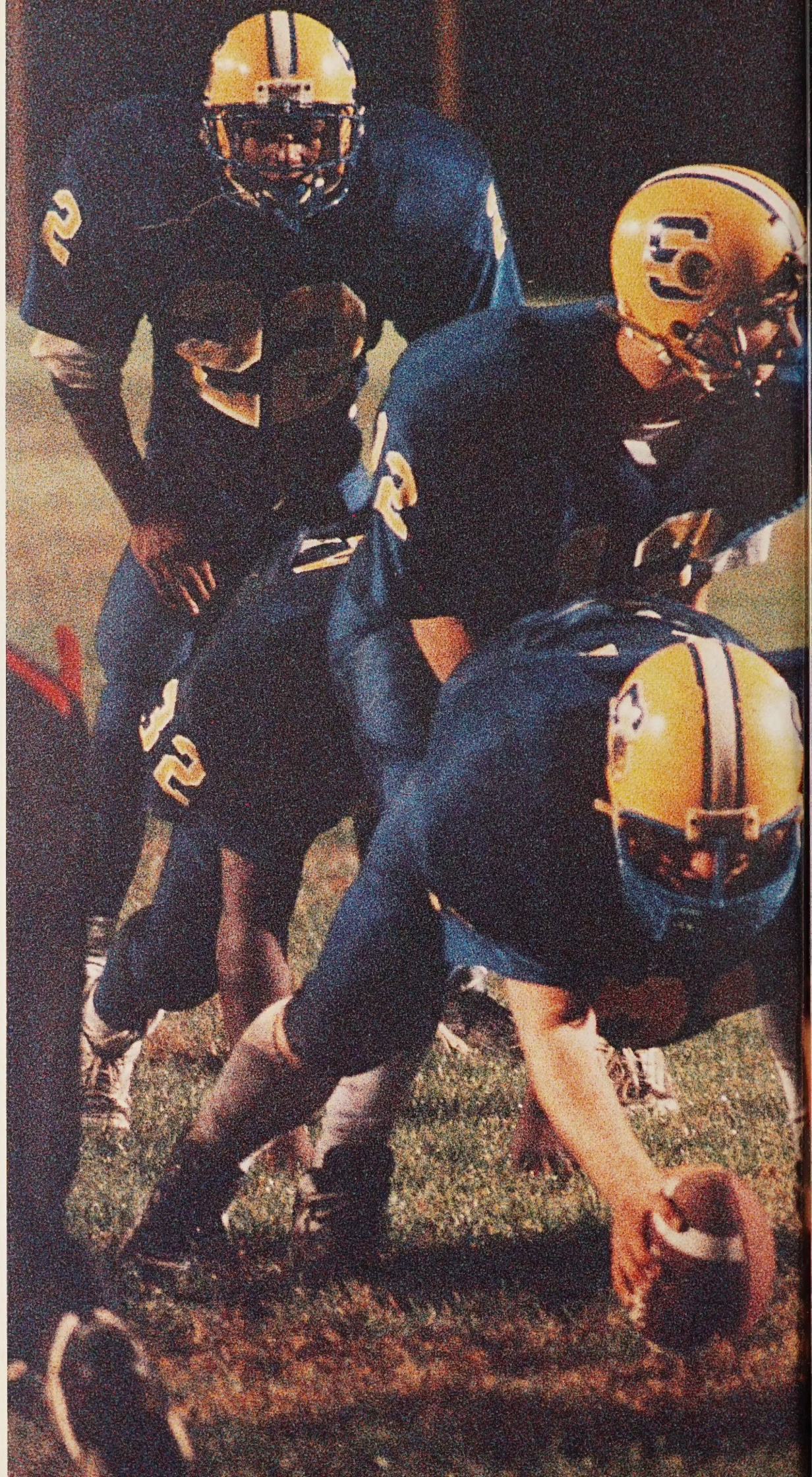
Photo by Mark Hughes.

Focus Studying the material before them, Laurie Ripper and Justin Hensley are oblivious to all around them. Students were able to select from a wide variety of classes to take throughout the school year depending on their interests and abilities.

Photo by Brain Ennis.



Clearing the Ball Practicing for their position as goalies, Rita Stevens and Amy Butler kick field hockey balls to enhance their skills. The girl's field hockey team worked hard and came in first place in Districts. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



More Than Meets The Eye

Nothing is what it appears to be. At first glance a 20 year old building containing over 1600 students may seem like a dilapidated, overcrowded school with no life. However, if one were to look further, they may find that "entering the doors of Stafford is an exuberating extravaganza exposing us to knowledge and giving us the encouragement to succeed in endeavors," as stated by Brandon Ratliffe.

Within these aged walls lies an array of students, each containing various backgrounds and interests, yet still connected because they are the ones who make up Stafford High School. It is like a photograph which is made up of many grains; each grain by itself is nothing more than a mere dot, but put together, the grains reveal a whole picture.



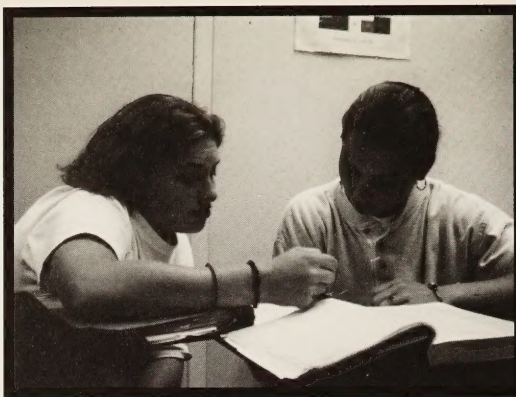
Say Cheese in 3-D Posing prettily for the camera, Tom Marlow, Heather Howe, Jen Stockdill, Kevin Graham, Becky Bricken, and Jason Yingling make themselves comfortable. *Photo by Brain Ennis.*

Computer Whiz Staring intently at the computer screen, Jason Wood is deep in thought trying to figure out a problem for Drafting 4. Computers were a big part of students' daily school life. Advancing technology made it easier for students to complete assignments. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

Helping Others Lending a hand, Kristin Lichtenfels helps Kris Denson with her Government assignment. Friends were extremely helpful when one did not understand school work.

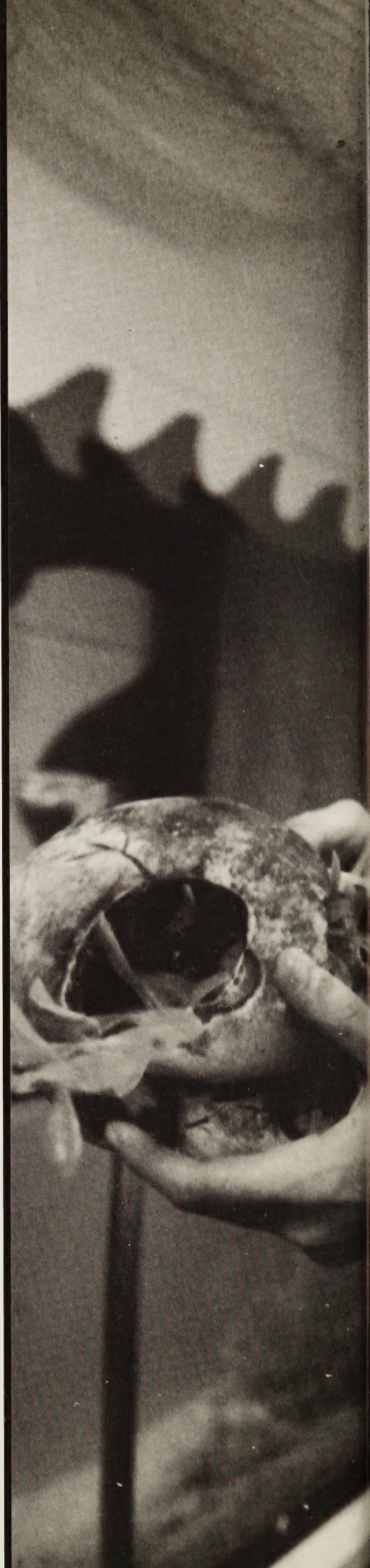
Photo by Carol Smith.

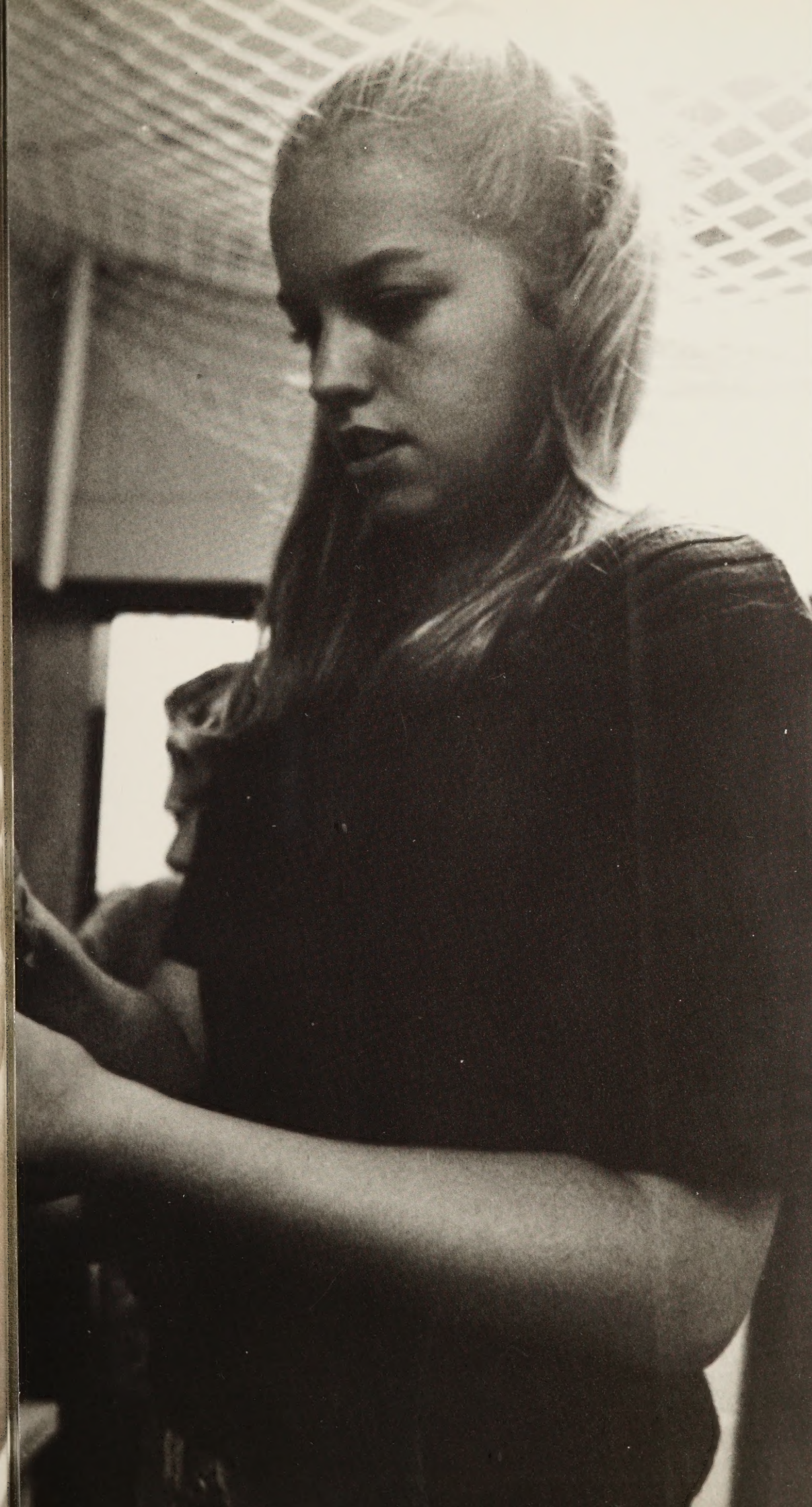
Half Time Spirit Performing for the crowd at half time during a football game, Katie Russell, Meagan Monroe, and Jammie Hillian show support for the team. The Indianettes raised enthusiasm among the crowds and rose spirit levels. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



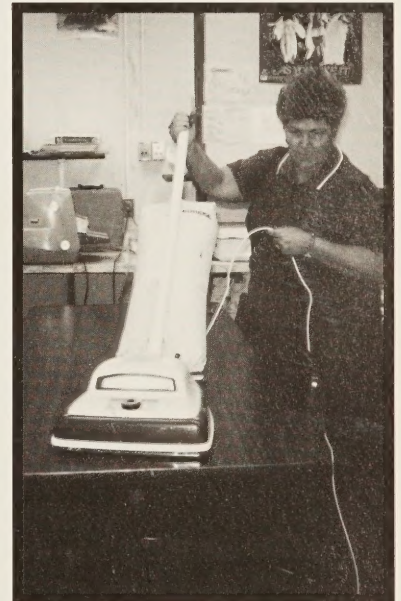
Throughout the four years in high school, one experiences feelings from failure to success, from sadness to gladness, from hardships to carefree times. These all culminate to the thing known as the "high school experience." It all depends on point of view as to how one perceives what lay before them. Underclassman Joshua Farrar said "all I'm hoping for is to pass." On the other hand, upperclassman Joey Hanzel stated, "I'm a senior so I'm almost outta here!"

School was not just the normal drone of books, tests, and lectures, but also football games, pep rallies, field trips, Prom... events that also defined a part of high school, making one realize that there's always more than meets the eye. *Story by Gina More*





Rah! Rah! Rah! Performing during a football game, Kim Murphy, Heather McNulty, and Sarah Jones raise enthusiasm among the crowd. The Indianettes practiced rigorously to give a good performance. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*




Mrs. Tidy Cleaning up in the English Department Planning area, Sue Gill runs a vacuum cleaner over a tabletop. Throughout the school day much mess was created because of hectic schedules and not enough time for cleanliness. *Photo by Carol Smith.*

Playing with Sea Life Examining a skull which decorated one of the numerous fish tanks in the Marine Biology room, Meagan Staab places a plant inside of it for a more decorous appeal. Marine Science presented an array of opportunities for students from traveling to Virginia Beach to learning about various specimens.

Photo by Brain Ennis.



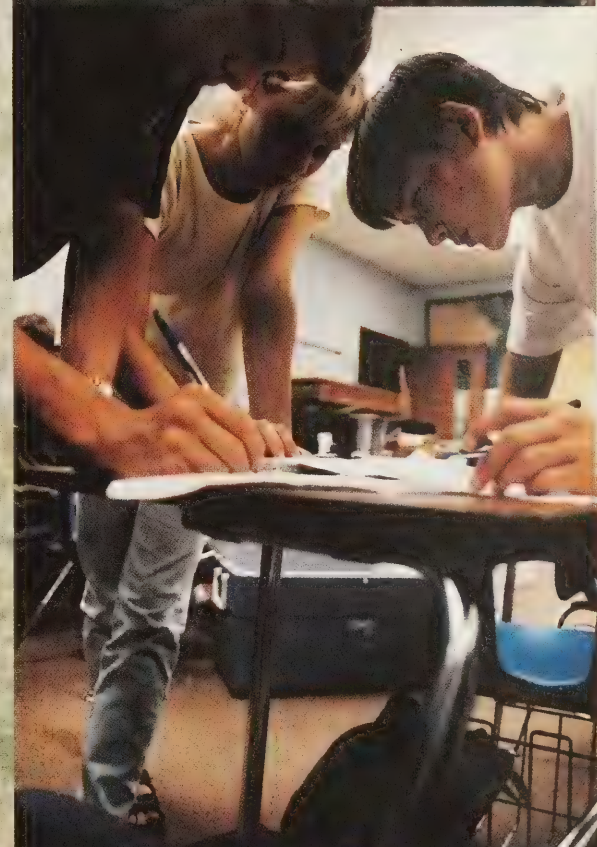
More Than Just School Work



Given a name like "Dead Fred" one might expect absolutely no social activities here in Stafford. However, past the nickname is an array of activities ranging from Prom to weekly football games. Chris Rasmussen commented, "The football games are fun to hang out with your friends, but the dances afterwards aren't worth it." The Stafford stadium could be seen filled to capacity on the nights that there were home games. People came out to cheer our football team to victory and it was also a way to pass a Friday evening.

An in-school event that psyched up the student body were the pep rallies held at the end of a school day. They shortened each class period and got the students geared up for a football game that evening. Amy Parsons said, "pep rallies are fun but there really is no spirit." Corey Harding believed that "pep rallies are a way of energy release."

Student life contained more than school work and teachers but also numerous social activities, making one's highschool experience one to remember. *Story by Gina More.*



The School Year Ends for the Class of 1996

To some, the end of the 1996 school year was one step forward to bigger and better things. For others, it was the end of a year of great memories and the beginning of worries about things to come. "It was a year of good experiences for me, and

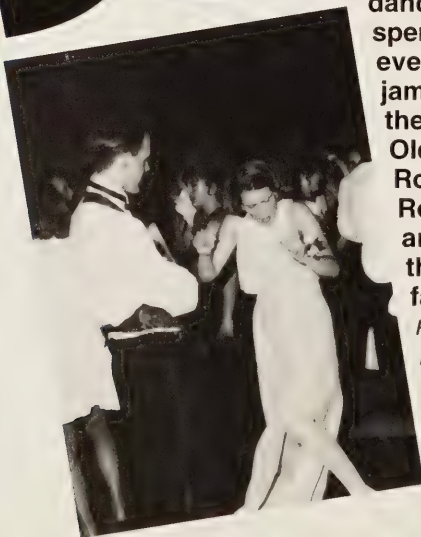
probably the best year I've had", said Kendra Little about her junior year. On the other hand, Kerry McKinnon had a different viewpoint. "I was kind of glad to see the year end. I was ready to finally be considered an upperclassman", she revealed. "I was just ready to be a senior", said Katya Lieb.

Stafford returnees who knew their way around were much better off than some. By the end of the year the scared faces of new students had disappeared. "Overall, the '96 school year was pretty good for me. By the end of it, I had met so many new people. Luckily none of the horror stories I had heard ever applied to me", said Sarah Hall with a sound of relief. "I guess the year went okay...except for all the homework they tried to make me do", said Steven Cull. *Story by Danille King.*

Shakin' it
Watching in awe,
Matt Duren ad-
mires Andrea
Saikowski's dance
moves. The

dancers
spent the
evening
jamming to
the oldies.
Old Time
Rock &
Roll was
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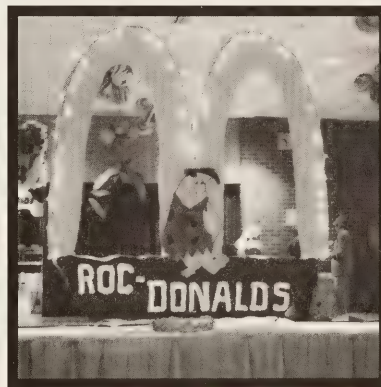
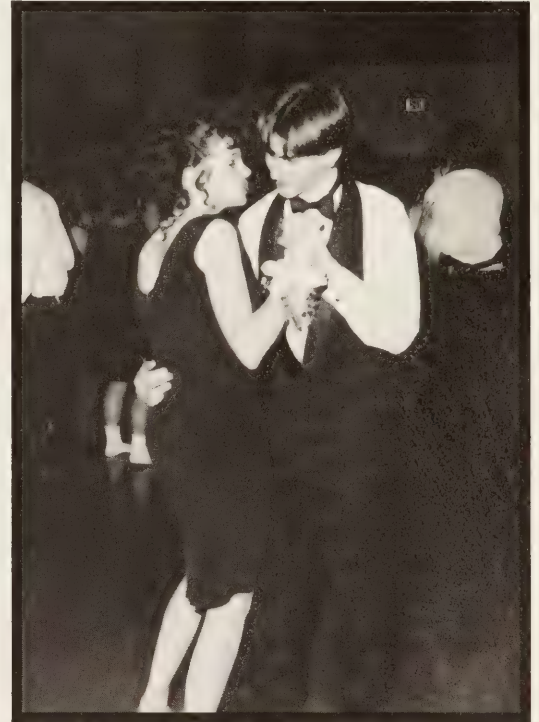


Senior



Getting Down At Prom 1996, Katherine Kimbrell, Mary Smart, Dustin Hood, Dennis Carmody, and Alex Doyal dance the night away. Students spent the evening rocking the gym and waiting for the after prom activities to begin. *Photo by Life Touch.*

The Romance Clinging on, Maureen Fish and Phillip Matarese savor the moment at Prom '96. Couples enjoyed dancing and socializing at the dance. Juniors who attended last year's prom had another to look forward to this year. *Photo by Life Touch.*



Back to Bed Rock Roc-Donalds was one of many Flintstone attractions at after prom. Among them were human bowling, casinos, and sumo wrestling. After prom was often more looked forward to than prom itself. *Photo by Mark Strickler.*

Remembering Our Graduates Posing for a picture at their last prom, Matt Duren, Robin Baker, Chris Watts, Jason Smith, Merideth Leipold, Cameron Trant, Stephanie Shifflet, John Kraus, Crystal Goding, Paul Wielt, Allison Baldwin, Pat Hall, and Karen Mann smile for the camera. Seniors tried to make the best of the night since it would be their last dance at Stafford.

Dining In Lisa Stidham prepares dinner for her friends and herself this summer as an alternative to McDonald's. Fast food places were often a hang-out on hot, summer days— when you didn't want to cook at home that is! *Photo by Carol Smith.*



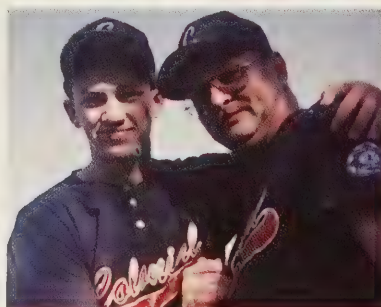
Supportin' the Team Becky Doyal looks on anxiously, as the varsity field hockey team works vigorously to achieve another victory this past season. Their hard work paid off, the team finished as District champions this year. *Photo by Bryan Ennis. (3-D Photo)*



"Chillin' " The girls varsity basketball team pose for a picture after an exhausting day at UNC basketball camp this summer. The basketball team was among many of our teams to attend camps during the summer to prepare for the upcoming school sports' seasons. Cheerleading and dance team also attend camps throughout the summer months. *Photo by Rick Butler.*



All in the Family B.J. Rodgers and his dad share a warm handshake after an All-Star baseball game this summer. B.J. played for the All-Star team under the coaching of his dad. It was important to find some time to spend with family members during the summer... no matter when you had to find the time!



Livin' it Up

Friends, freedom and above all else, fun...of course, summer vacation! The time had finally arrived. One last bell, sixteen hundred students and two and a half months to do whatever one pleases, no matter how one figures it, this will always add up to great times and fantastic memories.

While not everyone had the same plans for summer, everyone was sure to have something new to share on their first day back at Stafford in the fall.

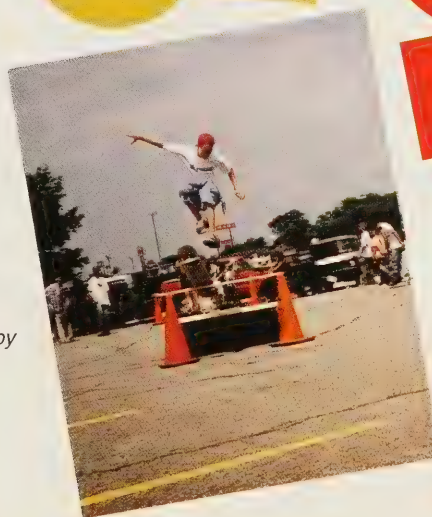
Chris Shiflett was among those who passed a lot of the time participating in various sports. His summer schedule included basketball, football and baseball, along with attending basketball camp at VCU. Preparing for upcoming fall sports seasons was a big part of many students' summers. However, this made vacations and family trips all the more enjoyable. As Brittany Wood put it, "I went to cheerleading all summer long and then finally, I got to go to Florida and get a tan!" Other students, like Brandon Brooks, who was working to save up for his first vehicle, chose to use the time off to earn extra money. Summer provided time for jobs and activities that are often too hard to juggle during the school year.

Summer was also a time for socializing and spending lost time with friends. Work and summer practices may have been a part of the summer, but there is no doubt, the students at Stafford found time for play too! For many, like Cameron Chewning, summer meant two and a half months to party. "I went to parties and had a blast!" This was not an uncommon story either, it seems as though, no matter how they spent their time, the students at Stafford High School knew how to make the most of summer vacation. Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.

Learning the Ropes

Aimee Dudash carefully rapels down a 45 foot tower on a scout trip at Camp Brady Saunders in Gouchland County, this summer. Photo by Jenn Stockdill.

Boardin' Brooks Haas ollies over a rail this summer in a skateboarding exhibition at Spotsylvania Mall. Wave Wreckers organized the event and it was a great way for skateboarders in the area to show off their own skill. Photo by Dawn Baker.



FOR BOLD

Summer Trips

School is over! Summer has begun! Time for trips away from home, hanging out with friends and work. Whether for a couple of days or a month it was good to get away from good old Fredericksburg for awhile. Many people like Michelle Ballard who went to Disney World in Florida "for the first time and got to see Mickey Mouse", didn't go very far for their summer vacations compared to some like Mr. John Agnew. Mr. Agnew went quite a bit further. "Visiting Antarctica was cold. It was wonderful, invigorating, exciting, and enlightening... I would recommend it to anyone." Others stayed home and worked. "I had to build houses this summer. I worked hard, made money, and got a good tan but I had to spend it all on summer school," said Beau Payton. Wherever students went this summer whether they stayed at home or went far away they all had a great time. *Story by Dacia Goldman*

Cheerful Good-byes With smiles on their faces Jenny Korniot, and Whitney Lucado embrace as they say good-bye to friends and family on their way to Girls State. Girls State was held this summer at Longwood. It gave ten girls selected to represent Stafford a chance to form their own government.



Calling Collect In front of an English telephone booth, Mr. Tom Clark and Mrs. Robinson pose for a picture while stopping in Shakespeare's home town, Stratford-Upon-Avon. The Drama Club spent an exciting 10 day summer trip in England.



Worldly Scholars At the gates of Oxford a group of Drama Students posed for a picture. Marcus Lawrence, Ben Robinson, Nathan Compton, Patty Conner, Morgan Baker, Willy McGee, Matt Fines, Cramer Thompson, and DD Bevan smile as the great university looms in the background. The trip to England was more than a learning experience it was also a time with friends and seeing the sights England had to offer.



Treated like Kings Clowning around, Ben Robinson, and Cramer Thompson have a little fun in front of Winsor Castle. The Drama Club saw many new and exciting sites on their trip to England. Winsor Castle was just one of the many sites they got to see.

Taking a Breather Stopping to catch his breath, Drew Penny kneels down to fix his equipment. He practiced hard to ensure himself a position as tightend on the varsity squad. Players had to prove themselves every year no matter what team they were on the previous season.

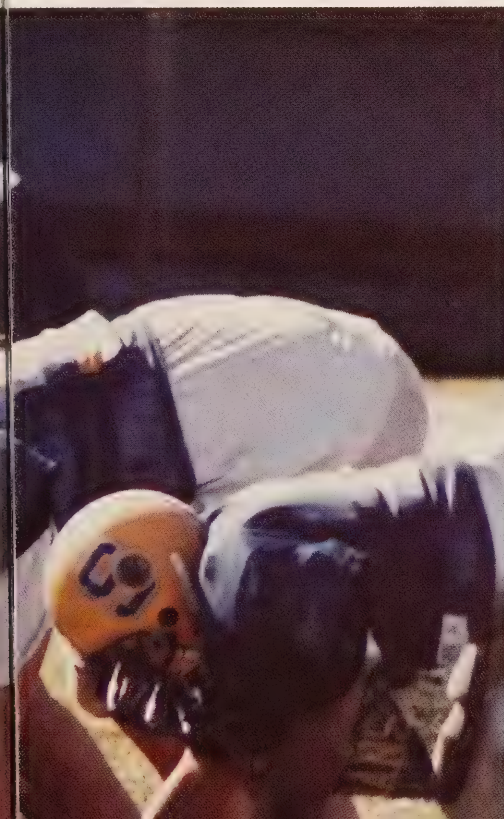


Just Takin' a Spin Preparing the softball field for play, Betsy Decatur and Megan Hanson drag it with a four-wheeler. Many softball players participated in "fall ball" in order to keep their skills fined tuned for school softball.



Quick Sip Stopping for a cool drink of water, Amy Piester tries to refresh herself during summer field hockey practice. She had a successful season and was one of several members of the team to make the first team All-District. The girls' hard work and dedication paid off in a great season.





Hard work & long, grueling practices paid off for the teams.

The leisurely summer days of relaxing in the air-conditioning ended early for the fall athletes. They often had to change their schedules to accommodate the early morning practices. "It was hard work waking up early because I was used to sleeping in over the summer. But I knew it would all be worth it once the season started," said Kristin Lichtenfels, a tennis player. The adjustments were often difficult, especially for those who had other commitments to attend to. "Cheerleading got tiring sometimes because we had to practice all summer. It was hard work with softball and work," said Caroline Miles.

Another factor in the summer practices was the heat, which at times could make practice nearly unbearable. Elizabeth Campbell said, "If you made it through summer field hockey practice you can make it through anything. But while you're suffering through it you know it will pay off in the end." Despite the hard work, not everyone dreaded the summer practices. "Aside from the birth of my children and my marriage it was the happiest time of my life," remarked freshmen football coach, John Agnew. Whether summer practices were considered enjoyable or just plain hard work, it prepared the athletes for the coming season and brought the teams closer together. Story by Sara Philpott.

Flying High Soaring above the ground, Christy Stoner is thrown into the air by Aaron Prowett and Brandon Ratliffe. The cheerleaders practiced hard everyday in order to perfect their jumps and routines.

Hike! Jay Schmitz calls the plays to the varsity football team during a practice scrimmage. The football player's relaxing summer days were cut short by the strenuous practices. They had a successful season and were able to defeat North Stafford in the last game of the season and bring the bell back home.



SUMMER PRACTICE

Well, In Some Cases.

Ahhh Yes, It's summer time. You're finally out of school, and you feel stress free for the first time in nine months. But, no more than two or three days pass before you hear your mother pronouncing, "Jr., It's time to get yourself a job." And BAAAM, the feeling is gone, you're reminded that you are growing up and you have many responsibilities. John Torrey found a job working at Aquia Landing, a.k.a. Occopo Beach. "Working there was a lot like working at the real beach—minus the cute girls, the live animals, and the all around pleasant atmosphere. What a great place to work!"

Instead of wasting cash at King's Dominion, earning cash at King's Dominion was a summer duty shared by many Stafford students, including Matt Donaldson, who worked at the Funnel Cake House. "I was able to give my friends free food and I could catch up on my sleep on the way up," Matt proclaimed.

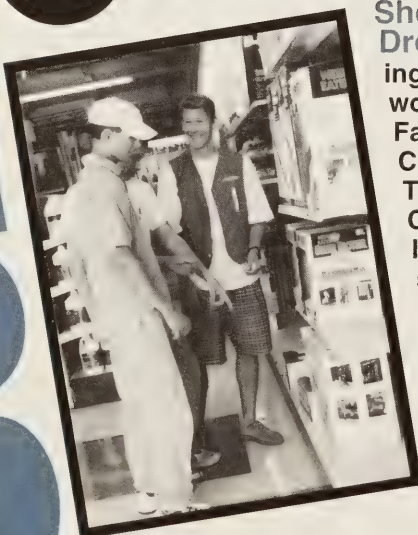
More often than not, work interfered with social plans. Such was the case for a young Food Lion employee, Cameron Chewning. Cameron complained, "I had to work way too late, I didn't like it at all."

So, for some people their job was jubilating, but more commonly jobs were shunned and hated. But, hey, jobs do keep people's financial import flowing. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*

Shining Shoes At Sear's Department Store in Spotsylvania Mall, Jason Yingling permits not a speck of dust on the shoes on display. Jason had to wear a tie a little bit more often than he desired, but cash is a necessity. *Photo by Ben Malay*

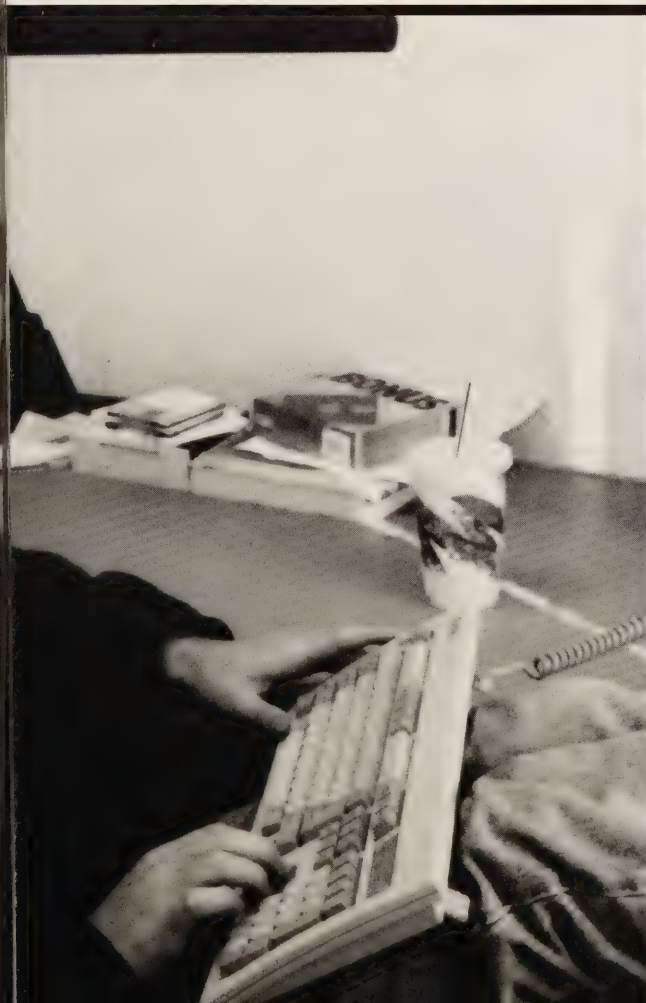
Shop till ya Drop Enjoying himself at work, Sean Farmer helps Coleman Tyson and Chad Martin locate a suder-duper leaf blower at Earl's True Value Hardware.

Photo by Christy Stoner.





“Please Drive Through!” At her place in the window, Rebecca Hamm works at Ferry Farm McDonald’s. It was not uncommon to see at least one of your friends working at McDonald’s. What a Job! *Photo by Ben Malay.*



Get A Tan In A Tin Can Under the artificial lights, Niki Tyson keeps the tanning booths clean. Total Tan has been her place of occupation for over 2 years. Many students received tans from the popular tanning salon.

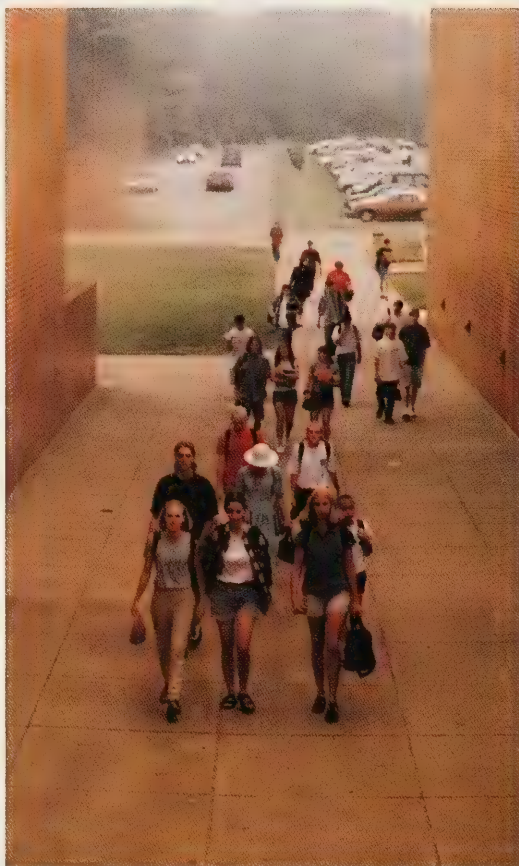
Photo by Christy Stoner.

Comprehending Computers Assiduously apprehending, Kevin Graham busily types away on his computer. Kev worked for a computer company after school. His bosses flew him first class to Chicago to utilize his highly computer-literate mind at a software conference. *Photo by Ben Malay*

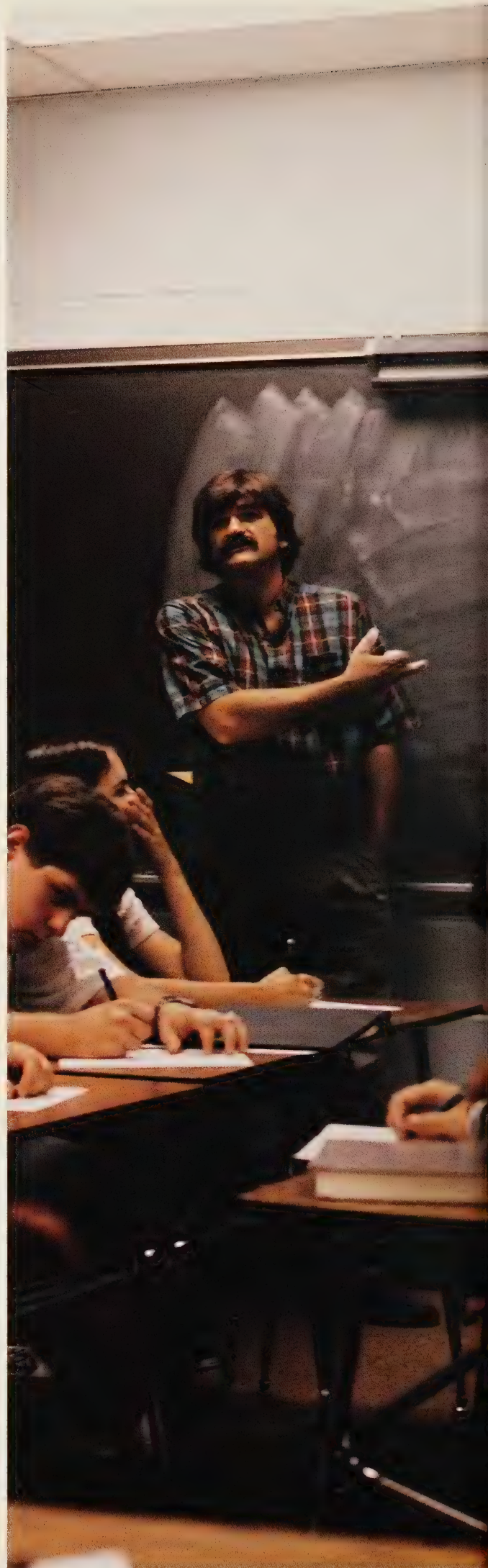
Riding the Big Yellow Cheese Getting on the big yellow wagon, an ecstatic looking Scott Ramsburg makes his way towards school. Students who didn't have a car to drive had to ride the bus to school. *Photo by Carol Smith.*

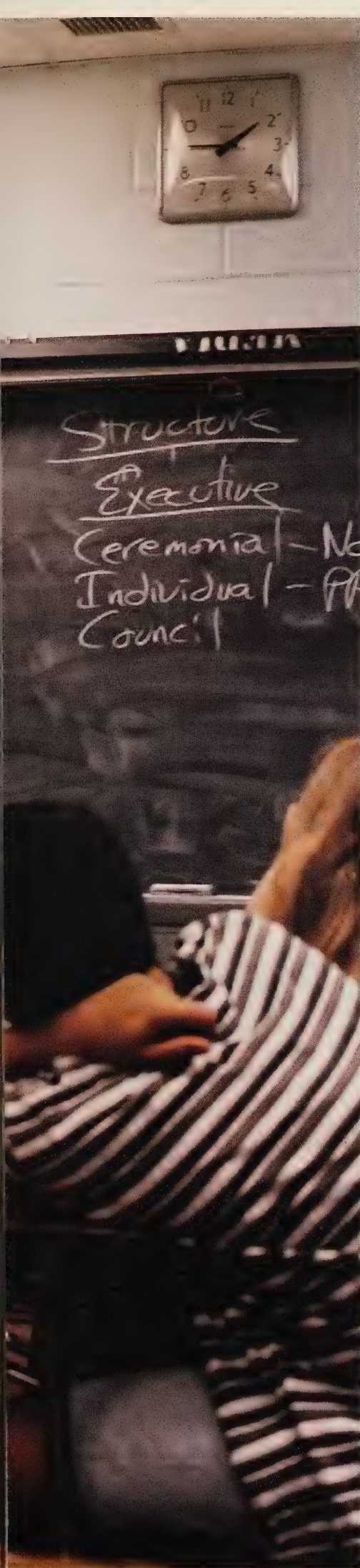


Hurry Up Looking a bit impatient Brian McKinney waits for Nadya Popova to purchase her parking permit from Mr. Trant and the other administrators. Juniors and Seniors stressed for almost a week over the acceptance of parking permits. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Here We Go Walking somewhat tiredly and only half awake Caroline Miles, Dacia Goldman and Mary Smart make their way inside for another trying day. Students all had a difficult time trying to get used to waking up early during the beginning of school. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Fight the way through the first week

"The first week of school was great, except for the fact I had to go to class," joked Junior Chad Martin. Most students were faced with the anxieties of going through another year of classes but all students looked forward to seeing their friends. Crowded halls, jammed lockers and lost students were just some of the things students dealt with during the first week of school.

Hurricane Fran put an interesting twist on the first week of school. Due to flooding and power outages Stafford High was closed on the first Friday of this school year. Many students agreed with Adam Dowling who explained "The best part of the entire week was the fact that we didn't go on Friday." The first week of school started off normally but ended bizarrely. For some students and teachers the first week of school went very well. Mr. G. Brown summed up the first week by saying "I thought it was incredible the students seemed ready for school." Story by Sean Farmer.

Just Like This A very studious looking class listens to Mr. Shotwell boldly present his lesson. Amongst learning to listen during class students also had to try to find a way to sit still. Photo by Bryan Ennis.

Almost There Slowly but surely taking that painstaking care, Christi Torrice gets that hairdo just right. Everyone took pride in their work whether it was a huge test or a little homework assignment. Photo by Jenn Stockdill.



Pep Rallies

They will pump...
...you up!

"We will... we will... rock you!" The song blasts over the loud speaker. Students cheer for their various classes. Cheerleaders lead the crowd in exuberant cheers. The gym rocks with school spirit. Only a few minutes before, I was in the locker room talking with the freshman cheerleaders before the rally began. "We're kinda nervous but excited. All the people watching you-it makes us hyped." These statements were shared by co-captains Tiffany Hite and Heather Demko, and cheerleaders Brandi Lauderman and Bonnie Jones. As I climbed the bleachers, preparing for the event, I stopped to talk to Mrs. Russ. She felt that "Pep rallies are a chance for students to show their school spirit. If more students got involved, this school would rock." Then I went outside to the athletes. "I love how pep rallies get me pumped before a game." Chris Kraus, a varsity football player shared. Elizabeth Campbell, a member of the field hockey team, had a different view, "Pep rallies don't really pertain to us, because if people want to know how good field hockey is, they'll come watch us play." After the spectacular event had ended, I stopped Katie Jacoby in the hall and asked her opinion of the rally. "The first pep rally of the year was really fun because everyone showed a lot of school spirit," agreed Melissa Durr. "I like to see members of all four classes coming together for the common cause of school spirit." And that just about sums it up.

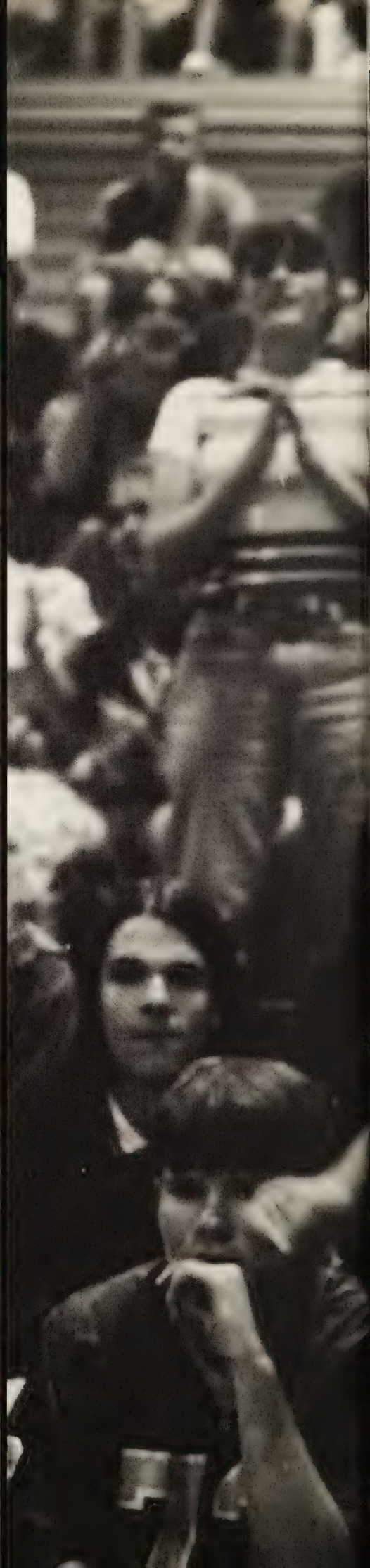
Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.

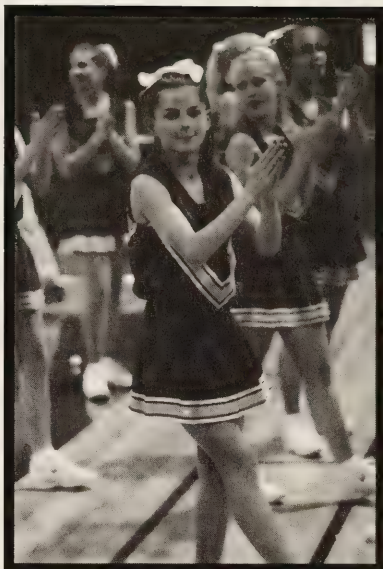
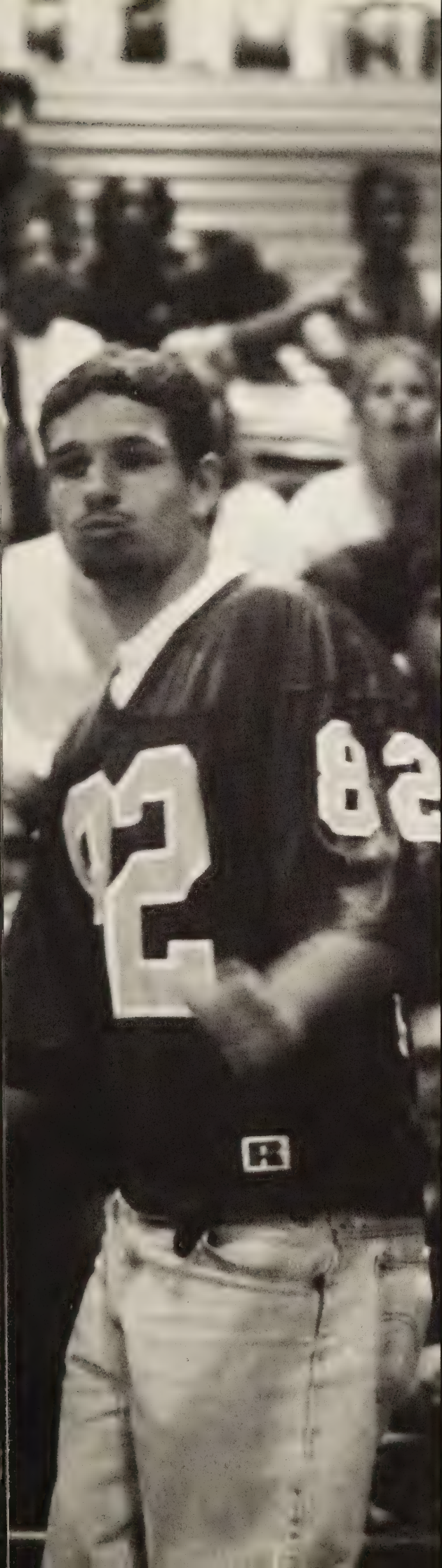
Catch the Vibe Grooving to the tunes being blasted on the sound system, Charlie Gorham gets pumped up before his game. The football players got a lot out of the pep rallies. After a rally for their game with North Stafford, they went on to win the bell. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Making Memories

Capturing the excitement, Missy Durr films the first pep rally. This year students really got into the spirit. Video broadcasting caught every bit of this spirit on tape, for the video yearbook.

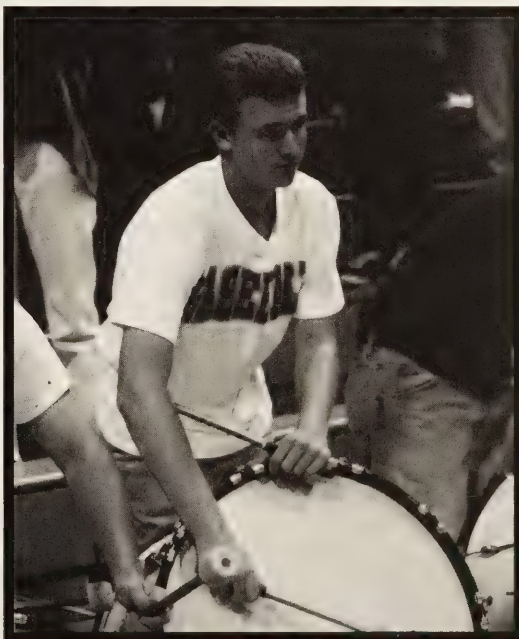
Photo by Mark Hughes.





Let's Get Fired Up Clapping in time to the band's music, cheerleader Kristi Burton drew the freshman into the spirit of the event. The cheerleaders were an important factor of the pep rallies. They led the event with their cheers and stunts, as well as games that entertained all that participated. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Feel the Beat Chanting along with the cheerleaders, sophomores Roy Perry and Scott Ferrebee added to the thrill of the rally. All the classes helped pump up the football players by participating in the rallies. Students were enthusiastic about the upcoming game. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Pump Up the Volume Banging on his drum, Jonmark Sullivan helped to pump-up the excitement of the pep rally. The band played enthusiastically in order to rev up the crowd. Their participation really contributed to the pep rallies. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

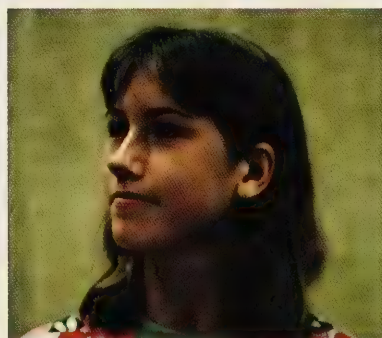


We Got Spirit... How About You! Pumping up the crowd, Kristi Moyers, Sarah Evans, and Megan Staab cheer at the Homecoming Pep rally. The cheerleaders had a hard job pepping-up the student body after a long day of classes. The cheerleaders were a vital inspiration to our teams. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Wake Up and Go Struggling to wake up, Leah Rubin reads the morning comics on "Get Up and Go Day." Leah, along with many other students could be found relaxing in the art room on many occasions. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Sufferin' Suchatash!! Sporting the Sylvester the Cat pajamas, Laura Crieger sits attentively in class prepared to learn. Laura, along with many other students, enjoyed relaxing in their bathrobes and slippers for the day. Students enjoyed the big school wide slumber party. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*





Oodles and oodles of spirit

Stafford spirit struck teachers and students alike during Spirit Week '97. This week long extravaganza brought to light, sides of students and teachers that probably should have been kept in the closet.

Monday "Get Up and Go Day"

Some people are definitely not morning people. "I dressed up because my friend, Lisa Stidham, made me. She didn't want to dress up by herself," said Carol Smith.

Tuesday "Twins Day"

No you weren't seeing double, there were doubles and in some cases triples of the same person. Twins were abound as our fine instructors of social studies bonded together by wearing khaki pants and a red tie.

Wednesday "Hippie Day"

Peace. Sunshine. Free love. Flower children roamed the halls of Stafford High once again. "It's fun to dress up and get out of the regular routine," commented Karen Mann and her sister Amy Mann. Dead rock and roll stars came back to life for the day as wanna-be Jimi Hendrix/Bob Dylan mix, Frank Trivett, sported the tie around the head look.

Thursday "Costume Day"

"Is that a big, pink bunny???" questioned senior Jason Yingling. From rabbits to french maids, the eyes of Stafford's finest were caught by the unusual sights haunting the hallways. "I wanted to be a french maid too, but my girlfriend wouldn't let me," said a disappointed Frank Trivett.

Friday "Blue and Gold Day"

With skins painted the ominous blue and gold, freshman and sophomores, juniors and seniors, all formed a single unit of school spirit as they proudly displayed the school colors on various and sometimes unmentionable areas of the body. With hair and eyebrows painted blue, senior Chris Thomas rallied with friends for school spirit before the big Homecoming game.

Overall Spirit Week '97 was a success and a great time was had by all, except of course Mr. Trivett who, maybe next year as a senior, will be permitted by his girlfriend to be a french maid and who knows, maybe they can be twins?? Story by Mark Lutterbie.

Spirit Week

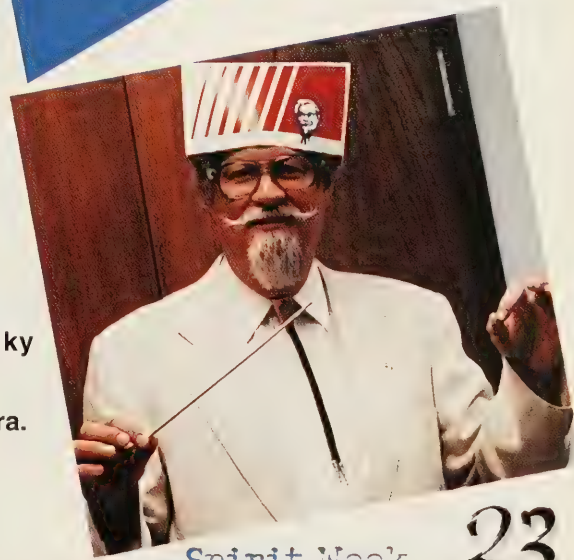
Float Fever Working diligently, Bobbie Decatur helps out with the freshman float. Despite a valiant effort by Bobbie and her fellow freshman, the senior float beat out the competition.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Original or Extra Tasty Crispy?

Directing his students in "The Funky Chicken," Mr. Marshall sports the Col. Sanders look for "Costume Day." Mr. Marshall was the director of the orchestra.

Photo by Mark Hughes.



Homecoming

Hanging on to the Memories

Homecoming... an occasion to get all decked out and dance the night away. Some went to share an evening of romance, others to spend time with their friends. "I had a really good time, except for dinner," said Deidra Mullins. "Our waitress was SO rude. It took us over an hour just to get cheese sticks, and my ice cream was completely melted," she added. "I felt like it was more of an underclass event. By the time we got there, almost all the seniors had left," said Katya Lieb.

Eating dinner, showing up at the dance for a while, and leaving early was the basic schedule for most couples. "I had more fun after Homecoming, than at the dance, stated J.W. Boutchyard. "We left the dance practically as soon as we got there," said Kaden Yealy. "I had more fun after the dance when we were away from the crowd and could just have fun with friends," said Kristin Dietz. "I had fun hanging out with my friends and I didn't have any homework," said Matt Donaldson.

"All I have to say is... TOO EXPENSIVE!", said Matt Dursa. "Overall I had a really good time. I think my friends and I will remember Homecoming for a long time," said Dacia Goldman. *Story by Danielle King.*

Pepped Up Playing his heart out at the Homecoming pep rally, Robby Sawtell performs to pep up the student body. The band played a huge part in the pep rallies, bringing the sound of music to the gym. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Singing Seniors Performing "Walk Like an Egyptian", Johnny Torrey, Meredith Goggin, Tia Campbell, Bobbie Gagnon, Staci Killion, Brandon Cash, and Alvery Stevens strut their stuff. The seniors spent the entire Spirit Week working on their float, as did the other classes. Once again the seniors danced away with first place. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





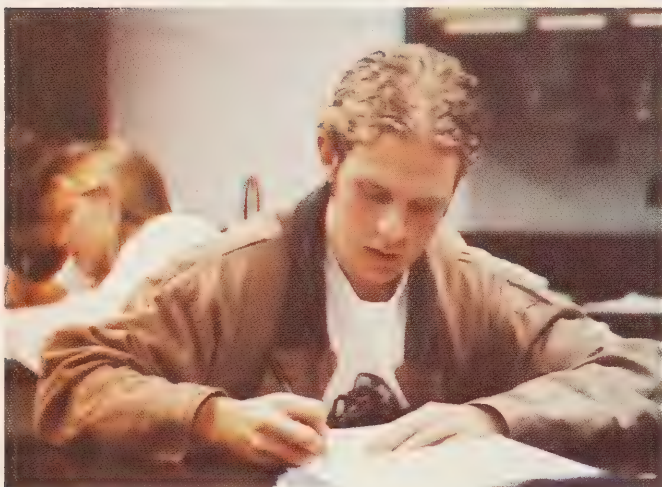
On the Warpath! Psyched for the big game, the football players bombard the field goal sign as the cheerleaders try to keep out of their way. The football players had a pep talk before they took to the field after plunging through the sign. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Stafford Royalty Sharing the moment, Cory Odham and Kris Denson ride off in glory. The bleachers were packed as students awaited the announcement of Homecoming king and queen. Congratulations Kris and Cory! *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

3-D Extravaganza

Study Time Nick Thomas busies himself with classwork while his classmates talk and laugh in the background. After class was a great time to catch up on homework and other assignments, even if it meant giving up a little social time. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

Cramming Ken Varga is attentively writing his paper for English. Getting the motivation to work on homework and papers often takes some will-power. For most students procrastinating is the more popular option! *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Relaxin' Andy Holcomb looks up from his work to pose for the camera. Any chance to take time away from school work is usually welcomed. Everybody need a break sometimes! *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



3-D Photo

Stafford High School
Home of the Indians



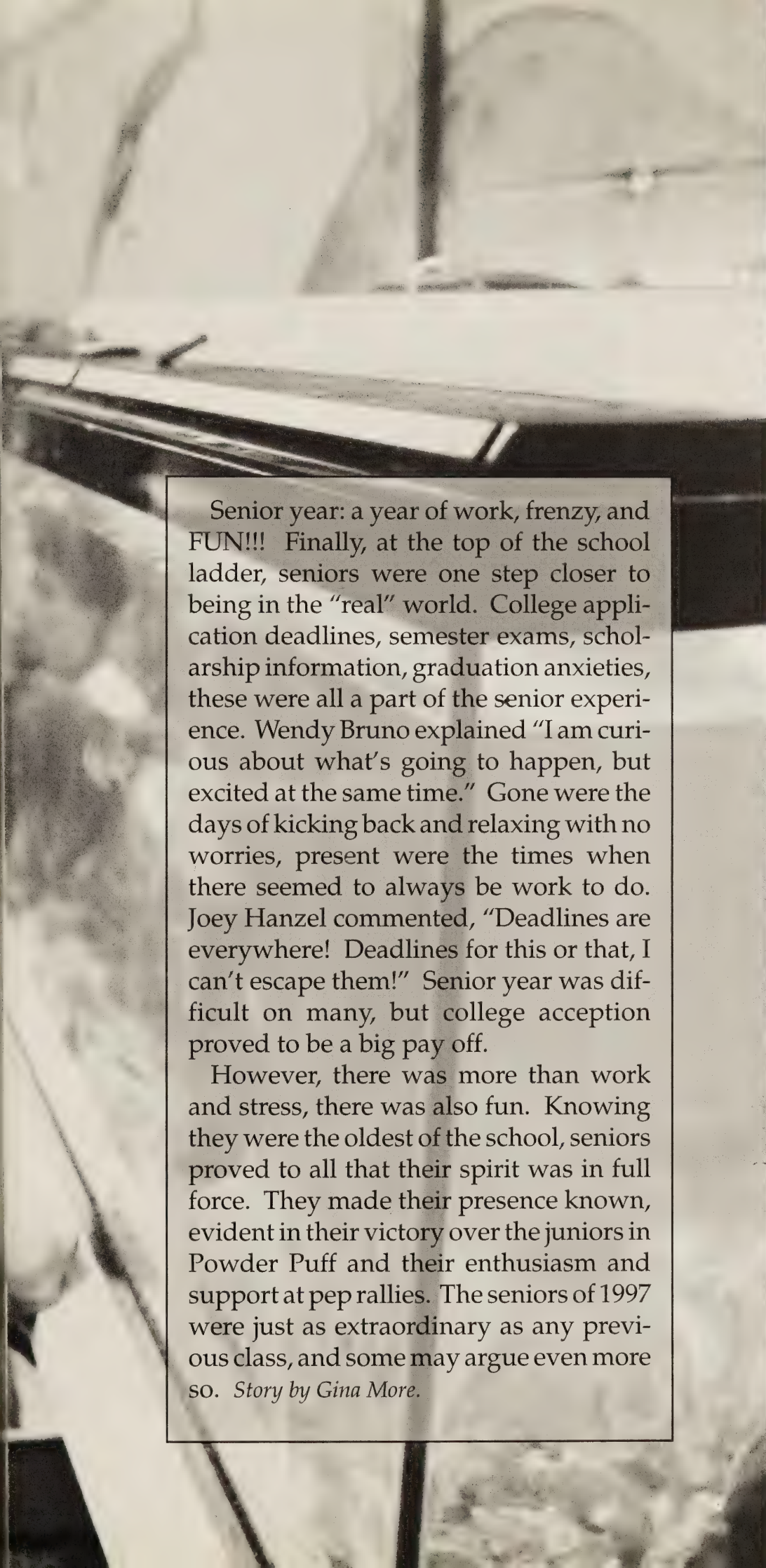
3-D Extravaganza

Class Act James Ruppert studies the paper in front of him while in third period Physics. By third period most of our minds are finally starting to function, but for others, it takes just a little bit longer! *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

Publicity Heather Howe and Jenn Stockdill work hard painting posters for the yearbook staff. Advertising is always an important part of yearbook sales. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

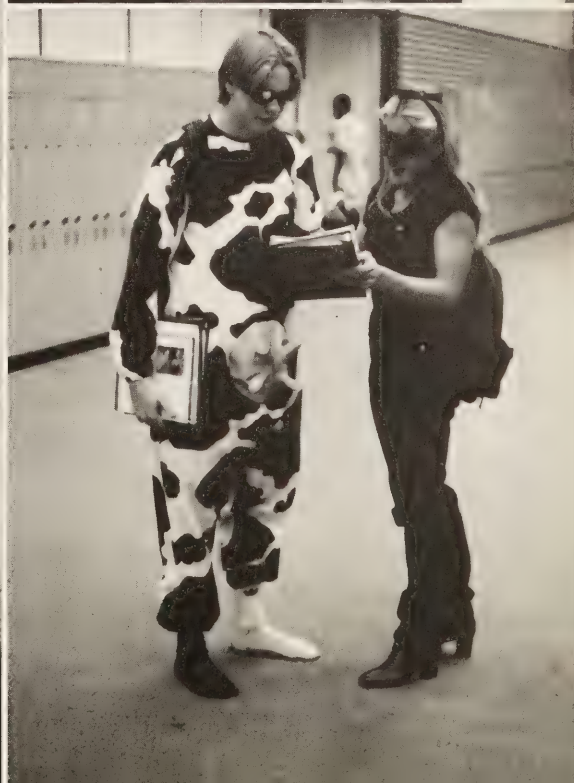
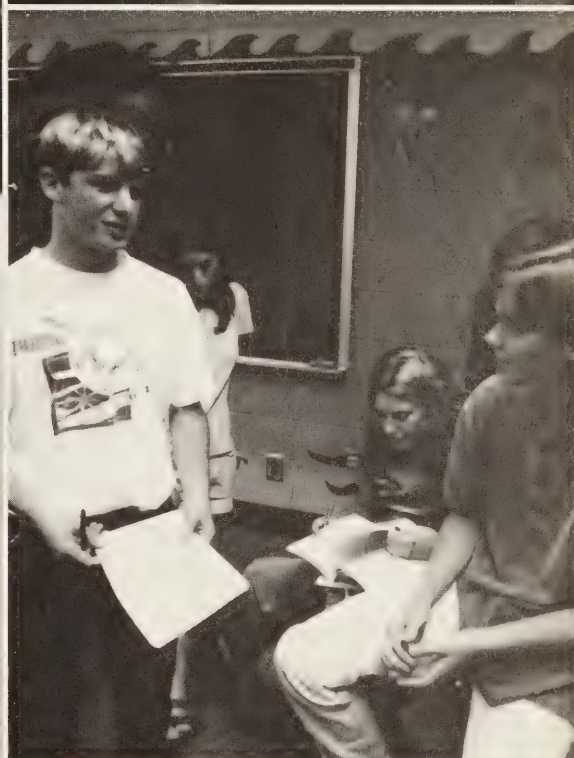


More Than Just Seniors



Senior year: a year of work, frenzy, and FUN!!! Finally, at the top of the school ladder, seniors were one step closer to being in the "real" world. College application deadlines, semester exams, scholarship information, graduation anxieties, these were all a part of the senior experience. Wendy Bruno explained "I am curious about what's going to happen, but excited at the same time." Gone were the days of kicking back and relaxing with no worries, present were the times when there seemed to always be work to do. Joey Hanzel commented, "Deadlines are everywhere! Deadlines for this or that, I can't escape them!" Senior year was difficult on many, but college acceptance proved to be a big pay off.

However, there was more than work and stress, there was also fun. Knowing they were the oldest of the school, seniors proved to all that their spirit was in full force. They made their presence known, evident in their victory over the juniors in Powder Puff and their enthusiasm and support at pep rallies. The seniors of 1997 were just as extraordinary as any previous class, and some may argue even more so. *Story by Gina More.*



STACEY ARRAN: Marching Band 9-12, Historical Society 11-12
 TURNER ASHBY: Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, FBLA 12, TSA 11-12, Y. Democrats 12, Class Reporter 11, Homecoming Court 11, Football 9, Basketball 9-12, Tennis 10-12
 MELINDA AUBREY: Spanish Club 10, Latin Club 10-11, FBLA 9,10,12, Sport's Medicine 11-12, Field Hockey Mgr.12
 MATTHEW BAILEY: Football 9-10, Historical Society 12, Weight lifting 11-12
 AMY BAKER
 DAWN BAKER: Environmental Club 9, Yearbook 11, Young Republicans 11, VICA 12

RYAN BAKER

LARRY BALDERSON

ADAM BALDWIN: DECA 11, DECA 12, Winter Track 10

MELINDA BALL: DECA 11-12, FBLA 9, Spanish Club 9

MARK BARRERA: DECA

LYNSEY BEIDEL: Environmental Club 9, Volleyball 9-10, Spanish Club 9, 10, 12, WVAHSS 10, Yearbook 10, Math Club 11, NHS 11

JENNIFER BIGELOW: VICA 11-12, Cosmetology 11-12

TAYLOR BLACKBURN: NHS 11-12, Environmental 12, Latin Club 9-11, Key Club 9-10, Swimming 9-10, Field Hockey 9, Drama Club 9-12.

JILL BLISS

TODD BLOSE: Governor's Japanese Language Academy 11,, Marching Band 11, Latin Club 11, History Club 11, Wind Ensemble 11, German Club 11-12, Young Republicans 11-12,, Madrigals 12, SADD/Treas 12

SARAH BOLTHOUSE

MATTHEW BOURNE: VICA 10-11, DECA 12, Spanish Club 9-11, Auto Mechanics I, Drafting I

GUY BOUTCHYARD: NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 11, Baseball 10

KIMBERLY BRADLEY: Latin Club 9-11, Key Club 9-12, Drama Club 9-11, SCA Rep 10, Track 9-10, Winter Track 9, Golf 9-11, 12

JEREMY BRANUM

ADAM BRAY: Basketball 9-12, Spanish Club 11, Journalism 12

ANGIE BREWSTER: DECA 10-12

REBECCA BRICKEN: Tennis 9-12, Captain 12, Key Club 9-12 Reporter, NHS 11-12, Young Republicans 9-12, Newspaper Staff 10-12, Forensics 11-12, FOCUS Who's Who 11, Girl's State

GERRAD BROOKS

JENNIFER BROWN: Soccer 9-12, JV 9, V 10-12, Basketball 9-12 V 11-12, Cross Country 9, VICA 10-11

SHAWN BROWN: VICA 12, DECA 11, Mediation 10-11

TYRONE BROWN

LENA BROWNEYES: Softball 9-12

WENDY BRUNO

JOSEPH BUCKNER: VICA 11-12, TSA 11, CYE 11-12

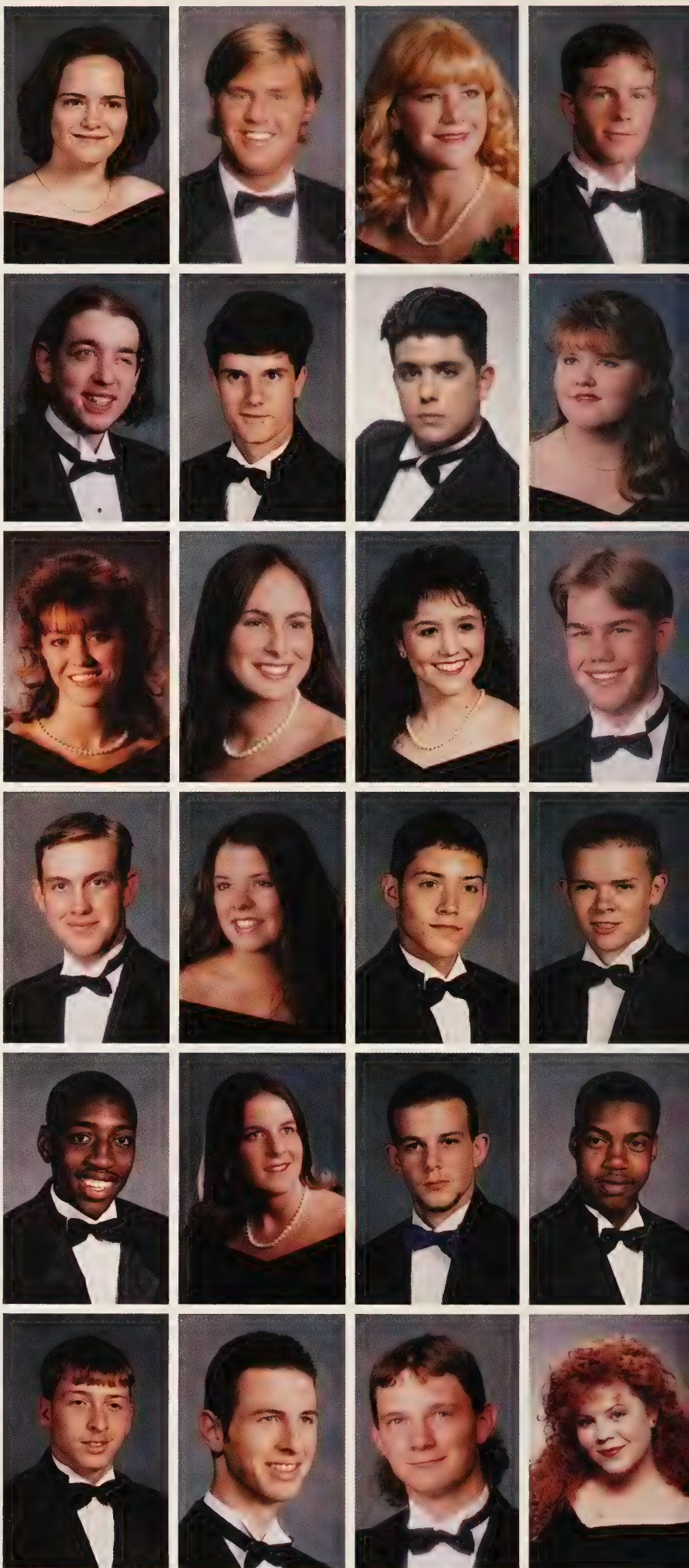
CHRISTOPHER BURGESS: Football 9-11, FBLA 9-12, SCA 9-10

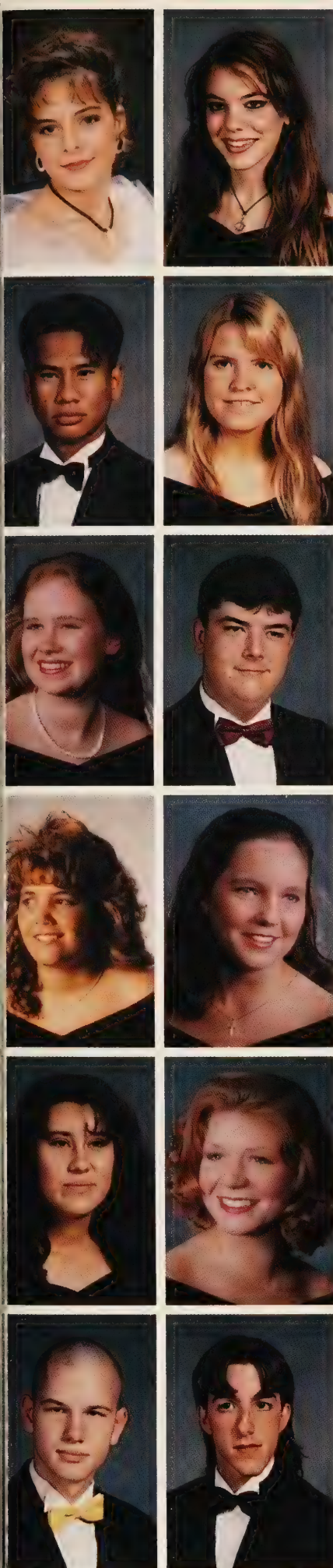
MARK BURROUGHS: Auto Mech 11, CTE 12, Tech Foundation 10, Masonry 12

STACY BUSHEY: Cosmetology I & II

TIMOTHY BYRNE: Baseball 9-10, 12, Basketball 9-10, Golf 9-11

CHRISTOPHER CAHILL: Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9-12





The
temperature
dropped
and the
leaves changed to
beautiful colors as
autumn filled the air!

Fall Fun

The leaves were falling. It was time to bring out the warm clothes. After school many students wanted to take advantage of the beautiful weather. "When we get bored we roll down the windows, turn up the radio, and go driving," said Becky Bricken and Kevin Graham. Fall also brought up new activities like the fall play. Christina Gray commented, "I'm trying out for the fall play called Personals which is a musical. It should be a new experience for everyone! Others enjoyed viewing nature. Billy Cropp said, "After school I go home, go to sleep or I go for a swim in the river."

Fall produced many memories. Many students had to rake leaves but

even that could be turned into fun. "After all that hard work raking, it was great to jump in the piles of leaves," said Coleman Tyson.

The fall also brought about football games and tailgate parties. "The tailgate parties aren't much fun at first because the fire won't start, but after a gallon of lighter fluids' been thrown on it the party gets under way," said Caroline Miles. The tailgate parties were a "good spirit booster even if the odds are against us in the football game," commented Chad Martin. Many people spent their Friday evenings enjoying the beautiful fall weather and watching our football team play their hearts out. What a way to spend the gorgeous weather with friends and having fun!

Story by Dacia Goldman.



Run for Fun During the Cross Country meet Dustin Hood leaves his opponents in the dust. It took a lot of perseverance and hard work for the Cross Country team to run a minimum of three miles a day at practice. Because of all the hard work, the team went on to finish first in States. Photo by Mark Hughes.

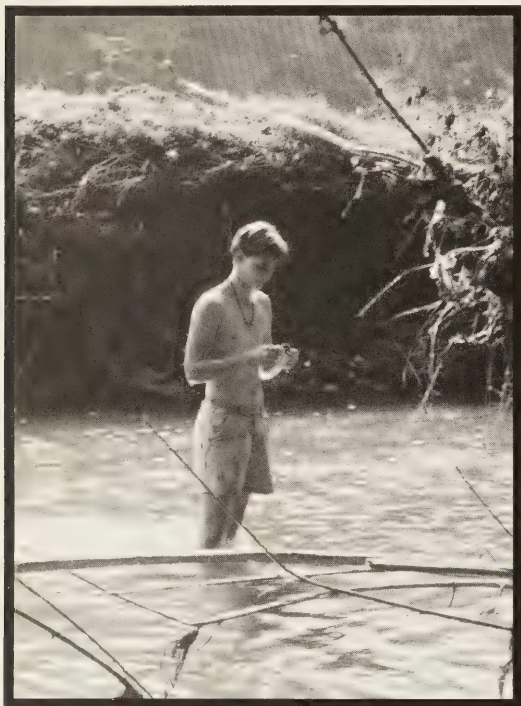
Beware! Throwing a ball this way, Jenn Stockdill plays in the ball room at McDonalds. For fun many students could be found having fun playing around at numerous places around Stafford. Photo by Rita Stevens.

Field trips— no matter where they are to, they are the perfect excuse for students to miss a day of school. Marine science took their annual trip to Virginia Beach to research the wildlife and environment. They spent about three hour on a boat off the coast gathering specimens and testing water samples and the remainder of the time in a science museum. Elizabeth Herlan said, "The field trip to Virginia Beach was really fun. Everyone around me on the boat was getting sick, I'm glad I didn't!" Members of the Forensics team also took a trip from school to compete at Woodbridge High School. Several students won places in the competition. "When we went to Woodbridge for the Forensics competition Scott Ferrebee and I won medals for our duo. Now we're going to states or something," said Dennis Carmody.

Students taking Spanish were also lucky enough to get a break from school when they took a field trip to Washington D.C. They went to a museum to observe the Spanish artwork. Then, after shopping and touring the city they stopped at Planet Hollywood for lunch. Rita Stevens said, "The best part of the trip was the hamburgers at Planet Hollywood. They were kind of expensive, but definitely worth the money." It is clear that for all involved in these trips they were both learning and memorable experiences. *Story by Sara Philpott.*

Students adventure out of the school building to see the world

Field Trips



Taking a Dip Standing in the Rappahannock River, Billy Cropp studies a fresh water mussel. Throughout the year he participated in a independent study of the river. His trips provided a chance for him to apply all his knowledge in a hands-on experience. *Photo by Ken Mills.*

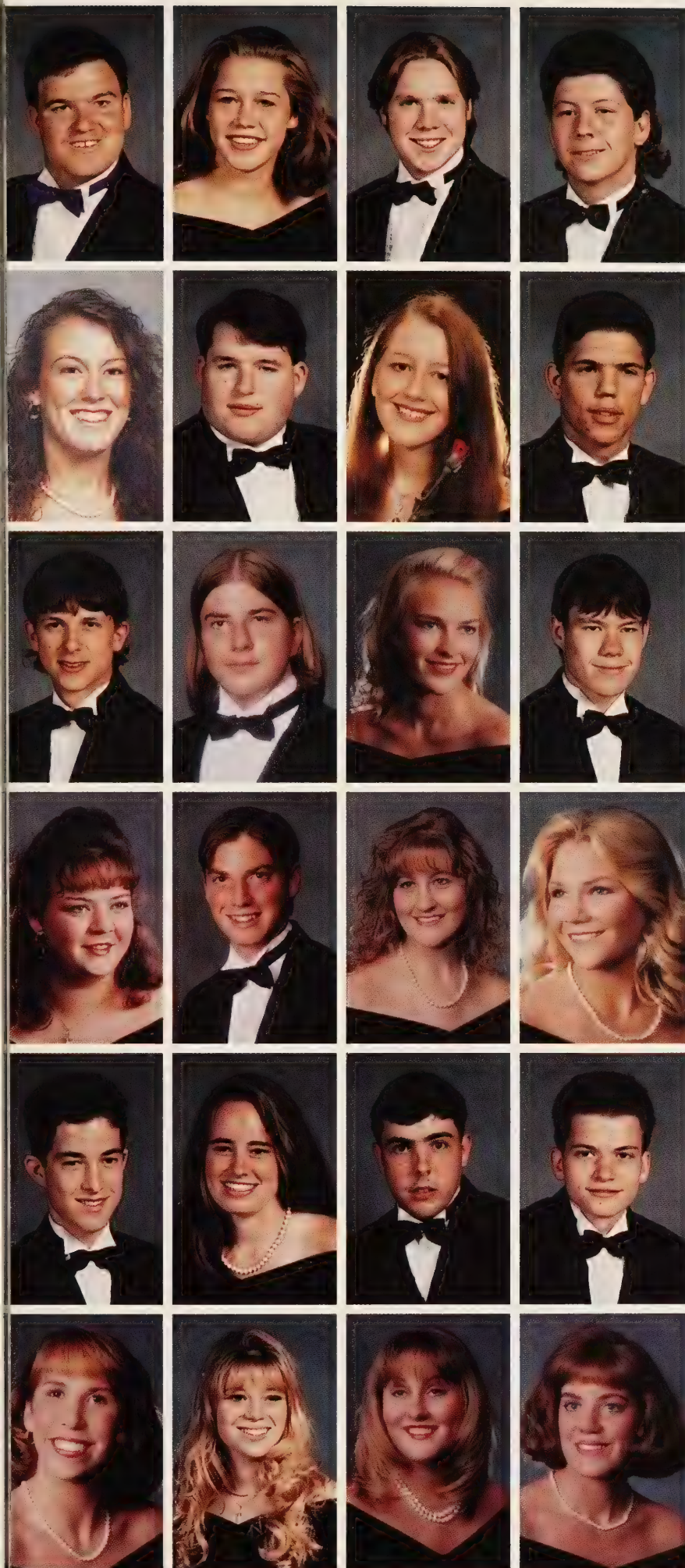
Heave-ho! Lifting the bottom grab from its container John Torrey and James Como are about to lower it into the water. It was necessary for students in Marine Science to learn the uses of all the complicated equipment in order to prepare themselves for the field trip.

Photo by Christy Stoner.

Top right:

Say what? With a look of confusion on her face, Joelle Denning observes the exhibits at the Union Station in Washington D.C. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*





CURTIS CALHOUN: Symphonic Band 11-12, Marching Band 11-12, TSA 12, Video Broadcasting 12
 JUSTINE CAMPBELL: Basketball 9-11, Tennis 11-12, Swimming 12, Key Club 12, Kids helping kids 9-10, FBLA 11 SCA Rep, Senior Class Sec, Spanish Club 9-10.
 DENNIS CARMODY: Football 9, Drama Club 9-12, Madrigals 9-10, VP 11, Forensics 10-12 VP 11, Pres 12, Spanish Club 9-12, FBLA 11, Winter Track 10-11, Motorcycling 12, Drama 12, SCA Rep 9-11, Field Hockey Man. 10-12
 TROY CARNEAL: VICA 11-12, DECA 12

SUSAN CARY

BRANDON CASH: Basketball 9, Interact Club 12

TIFFANY CATRETT: NHS 11-12, Symphonic Band 9, Wind Ensemble 10-11

LEONARD CHAVIS: Automechanics, Construction

CAMERON CHEWNING

BENJAMIN CHILDRESS: Marching Band 9-11, Latin club 9, FBLA 10, Wind Ensemble 11, Symphonic 9-10

LISA CHINN

STEVEN CLARK

JENNIFER CLEMENTS

ANDREW COLEMAN

DEIDRE COLEMAN

KELLY COMBS: Field Hockey 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Track 10, Key Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Yearbook 12

JAMES COMO

JENNIFER CONNELLY: Field Hockey 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Soccer 9-12, Key Club 9-10, Spanish Club 9-11

RICHARD CONNER

JOHN CONROY: Auto Mech. I & II, VICA 11-12

VIRGINIA CONWAY: Historical Society 11, Secretary 12, Recruiters 10-12, Chorale 10, Girls Ensemble 11, Madrigals 12, SADD 12, Key Club 9, SSS 12, Junior Civitans 12, Focus 11, 12

KELLI CONYERS

JANELLE COOKE: Drill Team 10-12, Officer 11-12, Madrigals 12, Show Choir 9-12, Girl's Ensemble 11, Spanish Club 9, FBLA 10-11

AMANDA COOPER

BRADLEY COOPER: VICA 11 -Vice President 12
 HEATHER COPLEY: VICA 9-12, Environmental 11-12, Chess Club 10-11, German 9-10
 KRISTY CORNETT
 DEREK COX: Chemistry Olympiad, Track 10, Chorus 12, WAEL Congress, World Affairs Conference
 ANDREW CRAVER: Young Republicans 9-12, Orchestra 9-12, Key Club 10, News paper Editor-in-Chief 11, Spanish Club 10, Latin Club 9, Chess Team 10,
 JEREMY CROPP: Basketball 9-10, JV Soccer 9-10, Key Club 12, VICA 9, 10, 12

WILLIAM CROPP

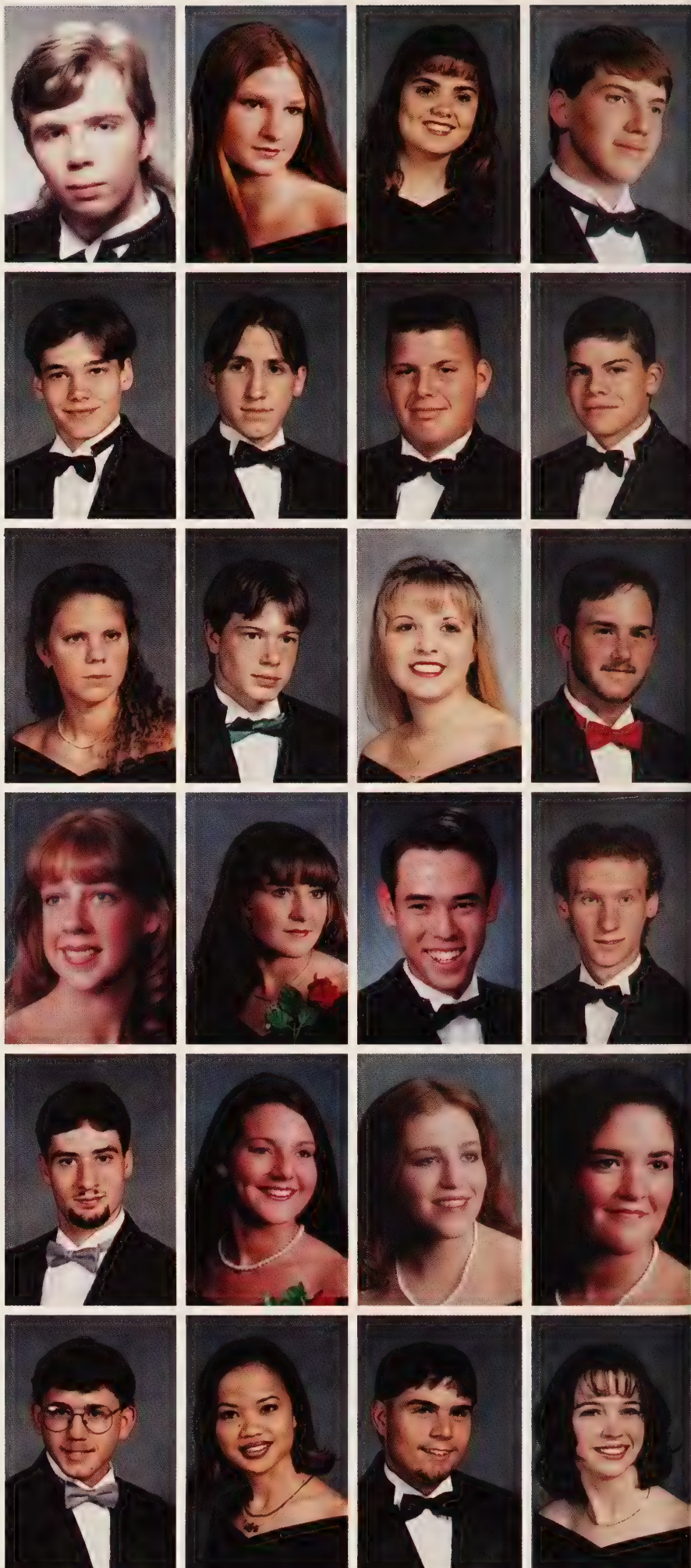
PATRICK CROSS: Cross Country 9-12, Winter Track 9, 10, 12, French Club 10-12, Young Republicans
 ALEX CROUCH: Football 9-12, Basketball 10-12, VICA 12
 GREGORY CROWLEY
 MATTHEW CULL: Basketball 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, FBLA 9-12
 MELISSA CUSHING: Basketball 9-10, Softball 9-11, Spanish Club 9-12, Ethnic Alliance 12, Junior Civitans 9, SADD 12, FBLA 11

KARI CWIAK: SCA Rep. 9-10, Soccer 9-12, Winter Track 9-10, 12, French Club 11-12, Public Relations 12, French NHS 10-12, Key Club Reporter 9-10, Vice President 11, President 12, SAEU, SADD, Spanish Club 11-12, Latin Club 11, NHS 10-12, Governor's School 10, Young Women in Science 11, Junior Civitans 12, HOPE 10
 ROBERT DALEY, III: VICA 9-12, Secretary 11-12, Roller Hockey 10-12, Lacrosse 12, TSA 10, Drafting 9-12
 JENNIE DAVIS
 ROBERT DAVIS: Golf 9-12, Soph Treas., NHS 10-12
 LEMAR DAWSON: FBLA 10-12, TSA 10-11
 JASON DAY

ELENA DAYMUDE: NHS 10-12, Vice-President 12, SCA Representative 9,12, Spanish Club 9-11, FBLA
 PATSY DECATUR
 JAMES DELP: Golf 9-12 Track 9-12, Track 9-12, Winter Track 9, FBLA 12
 JASON DENGLE
 KRISTINA DENSON: Basketball 9-12, Captain 12, Field Hockey 11-12, Soccer 9-12, Captain 12, Spanish Club 9-10, 12, HOPE 10, Key Club 12, Sports Med. 10-11, SADD 12, Junior Class Pres.
 MELISSA DERR: Soccer 9-12, Captain 11-12, German Club 10-12, Pres. 12, Science Club 11-12, SADD 12, Junior Civitans Vice Pres. 11, P.R.C. 12, Young Republicans 11, Young Democrats 12, Interact Club 12, Key Club 12

JAMES DESHAZO: Football 9, Masonry 10-11, VICA 10-11
 MARYANN DIMAIO: Marching Band 9-12, Jr. Civitans 9-12, Pres 12, Wind Ensemble 10-12
 SHANNON DIPEPPE: Drama Club 9-10, French 10-12, NHS 10-12
 BETH DISALVO: Symphonic Band 9, Wind Ensemble 10, Forensics 10-12, Secretary 11, Key Club 9-11, SSS 10-11.
 MICHAEL DONALDSON
 BRIAN DONATY

WILLIAM DORGELOH: Winter Track 9, 12, Spring Track 9, 11-12
 SOUKHONNALOM DOUANGDARA
 GARY DOVE
 CHERIE DUGUID: Basketball 9-10, Softball 9-11, Powder Puff 11
 ROBERT DUNN: Young Republicans 9-12, Football 9, Spanish Club 12, VICA 9-10
 JONI EDWARDS



Mommy...
WOW!
I am a big boy now!

Seniority

After three long, drab, dragging, monotonous years, finally the fourth and final year arrives, and it arrives with a BANG! Senior Skip Days seemed to be the favorite of nearly all the senior activities. As well as senior Skip Day, there was also senior cuts. "I never had to rush to lunch; I could just strut my stuff into the convenient 'senior-cuts' line," Dennis Carmody bragged.

Andrew Coleman has a deviant view of seniority. "Seniority is like a big glass of Orange Juice, you gotta love the juicy bits of pulp." Upon greater contemplation, it becomes evident that Andrew is showing that the senior year was filled with many hardships (via the less familiar definition of "pulp"), but these hardships help to make the senior year a great one.

Ben Hall really liked being a senior. "You get lots of girls, except I still don't have one," Ben chuckled. Benevolence was amazingly apparent in the everyday apparatus of seniors as they felt they ruled the school. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*



Vivaciously Viewing Flipping through the yearbook, Kristi Moyers tries to find pictures of her friends. Senior class officers had many other important duties to tend to as well. *Photo By Christy Stoner.*

Joking with Jett Looking at photos, Brad Cooper and Mr. Jett crack a smile while admiring some of the cute antics of the Powder Puff game. After the game, photos of the guys in drag could be found in every classroom. *Photo By Christy Stoner*



What's That? A Walrus!- Chill'n outside of the school, Jason Yingling and David Hatch put on their best walrus faces. The capabilities of Stafford Senior High students are amazing, not only can they read and write, but they can also do an excellent impersonation of a Walrus. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

One-hundred and fifty hours. That would be six straight days, twenty-four hours a day without eating or sleeping. Fortunately for those students taking an independent study, they have about one-hundred and eighty days to meet their requirement of time spent on some activity related to their study.

"The purpose of independent studies is to pursue interests that you don't have the ability to through school" states Mrs. Valente, the focus resource teacher and supervisor of the independent study program.

There are fifteen brave souls this year who are enrolled in an independent study; the topics of these studies range from the study of music and composition to creating a web site for Stafford High School, a task chosen by the demi-god of computers, Kevin Graham, to breeding lizards and iguanas with love and care by Lyn Hassell.

"It's a worth while experience that allows you to study those things that interest you, rather than the normal requirements of school," comments Karen Mann when describing her independent study on music theory and composition.

Perhaps Elena Daymude described the program the best when she said, "An independent study is a nice break from the rigorous routine of school because you can pace yourself and you like what you're studying." *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*

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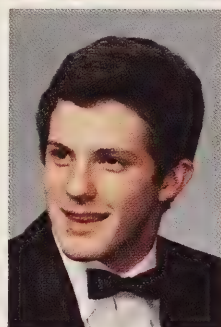
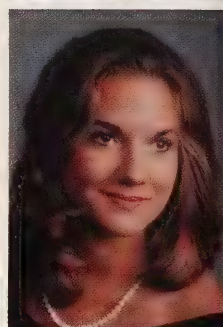
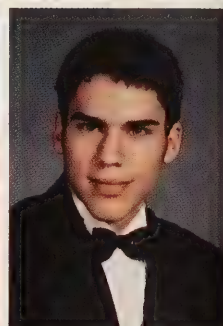
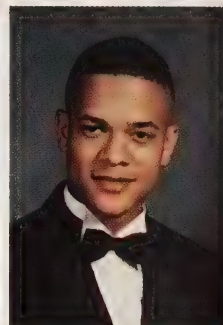
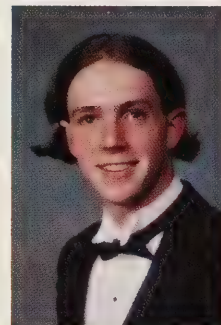
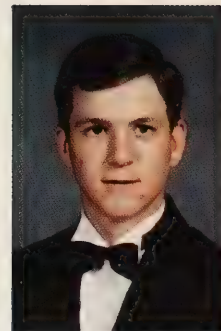
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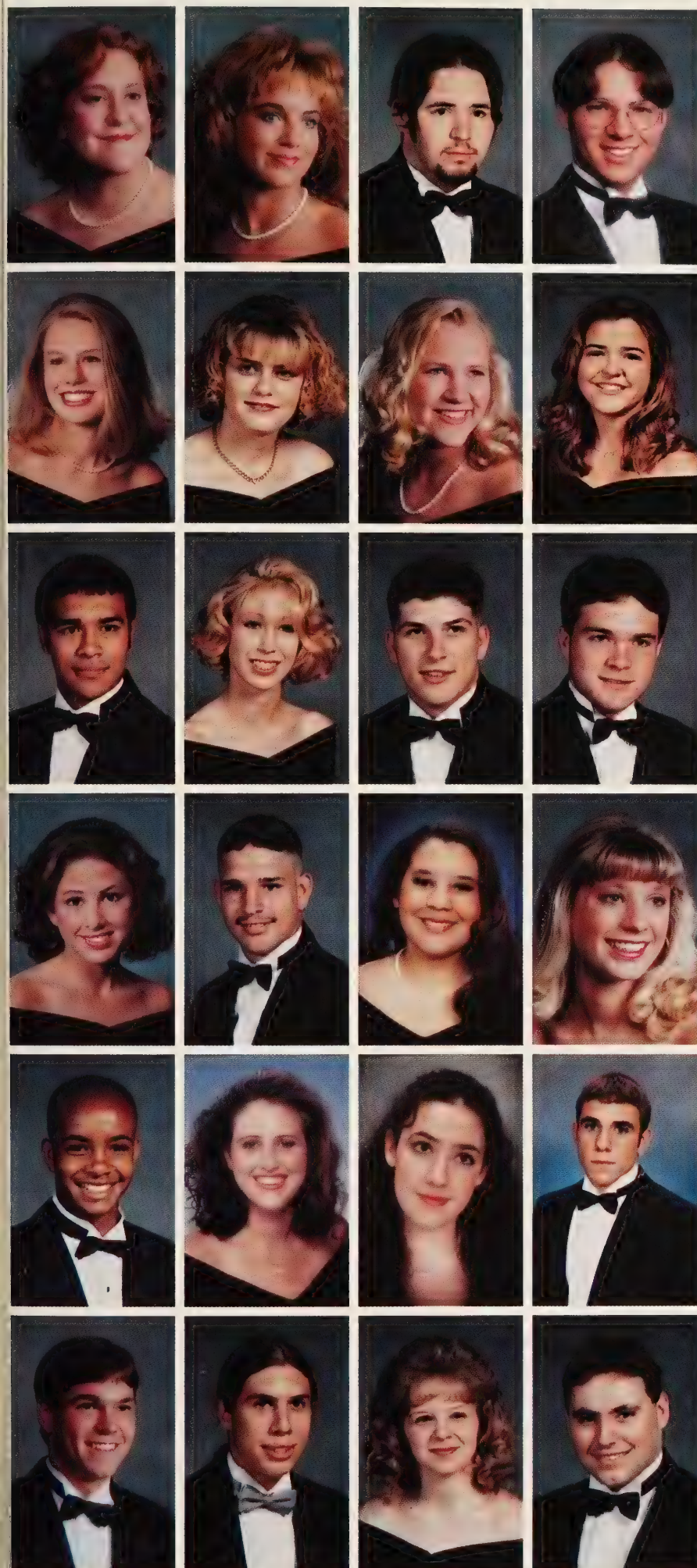


Uhhhh.... Staring unintelligently at the computer, Derek Cox struggles with his independent study about C++ on Macs. Many other Staffordites braved the one-hundred and fifty hour requirement for independent studies. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



Leapin' Lizards!! Cuddling up with Billy Bob, an exotic lizard, Lyn Hassell had some fun with her independent study. Lyn worked on breeding and studying lizards. *Photo by Sharon Hassell.*





JASON ELLIOTT

BRYAN ENNIS: Lacrosse 11-12, SAEU 11-12, Teenage Republicans 11-12, Yearbook 10-12 Photo Ed. 12, Latin Club 10-12, Latin Govn. School 11, History Club 11, Focus 10-12, Battle of the Brains 12, Spanish Club 10-11, Forensics 11
JAMIE ENNIS: NHS 10-12, Jr Civitans 9-12, 12 VP, SADD 12-Pres, Drama Club 9-12, Teenage Republicans 9-12, Focus 9-12, Forensics 11-12
SARAH EVANS: Pres 9-10, SCA VP 11, SCA Pres 12, Cheerleading 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, SCA Rep 9-10, NHS 11-12, TSA Rep 11, Young Democrats 11, SSS 12, FBLA 12
BRANDON FARMER
JEREMY FARRAR: Football 9, VICA 11-12, FBLA 10

PATRICK FEINDT: Soccer 9-12

NATHANIEL FERGUSON: SAEU 11, SCA Representative 12

MELISSA FISHER: Young Republicans 12, Secretary 12, FBLA 9-12, Key Club 10-11, French Club 9-12, Track 10-12, SADD 10-11

BETHANY FOSHEE: Orchestra 9

KATHERINE FOX

KARLI FREDETTE: Spanish Club 9, Students Serving Stafford 10, Yearbook 11-12, Ethnic Unity Club 12

JAMIE FRENCH: Cheerleading 9-10, Spanish Club 9-10, SCA 9, 11-12, VICA 11-12, CTE 11, Gymnastics 11

ROBERT GAGNON: DECA 11, FBLA 11, VICA 9-11, Drafting 9-10, Spanish 9, Young Republicans 9-12, Treas. 12, Lacrosse 11-12, TSA 12, SADD 10

DENNYS GALINDO: Soccer 10, VICA 11-12

JENNIFER GALLAHAN: Cheerleading 9-10, Drill Team 11, VICA 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Drama Club 10, SCA Rep. 9

VERNON GALYEN: Football 9-12, TSA 9-10, VICA 11-12, Carpentry 11-12

DAVID GEORGE: VICA 9-12, ICT 11, CTE 12

ALISON GODFREY: Swim Team 9-12, Track Team 9-10, NHS 10-12, Key Club 10-12, French Club 9-10, Smoke Signal 12

MEREDITH GOGGIN: Tennis 9-11, Class Officer 9, Spanish Club 10-12, Latin Club 9, Forensics 10-11, SCA Rep. 10, Cheerleading 10

ELIZABETH GOODALL: Cross Country 11-12, Indoor Track 12, Basketball 9-10, Volleyball 9-10, NHS 11-12, Key Club 12, Chorus 10, Girl's Ensemble 12, Mission's Trip 12

CHARLES GORHAM, JR.: Football 9-12

KEISHA GOULDINE: Key Club 9-12, FBLA 11-12, FHA 11, Spanish Club 12, NHS 11-12

AMY GOWER: DECA 11-12, HERO 10

KEVIN GRAHAM

CHRISTINA GRAY: Madrigals 9-12, Girls Ensemble 11-12, Show Choir 12, SCA Rep 10, Peer Mediation 9-11, Spanish Club 10, SADD Secretary 12, Teenage Rep 11-12, Sec 11, Historical Society 11-12, Junior Civitans 11-12, Drama Club 10-12, Interact 12

JASON GREEN: Swimming 9-12, Basketball 11, NHS 11-12, Key Club 11-12

MEGHANN GREEN

APRIL GRIGG: Drama Club 9-12, Environmental Club 12, Who's Who, Key Club 10

JON-PAUL GRIZZLE: Spanish Club 9-12, Soccer 10-12, FBLA 9-10, VICA 9-12, Wrestling 9-11

CLAIRE GRYGOTIS: FBLA 9, DECA 11-12

BROOKS HAAS: Soccer 9-10

BENJAMIN HALL: Tennis 9-12, Basketball 9-12, FBLA

KEVIN HALVERSON: Drama 9, Chess 10, VICA 12, Latin 9-10

REBECCA HAMM: History Club 9, Drama Club 10-12, COE 12

ANTHONY HAMRICK: Football 9-12, Wrestling 9, VICA 12, Automechanics 12, FBLA 12, Weight Lifting 9-12

JESSE HANSON: Soccer 9-12, SCA Treasurer 12, Yearbook 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Forensics 12, Key Club 11-12, Science Club 10, Chess Club 10, WWAHS 12, SSS 12.

PAUL HANZEL: Environmental Club 9-12, French Club 9-12 (Tres Bien!), NHS 10-12, Drama 10-12

MATTHEW HARDING: Soccer 9-12, Chess Club 10, Spanish Club 11, FBLA 10

CHARLES HARRIS

DAVID HATCH: Spanish Club 11-12, SAEU 12, Key Club 10

BRIAN HAYES

RICHARD HEFLIN

LEON HEFLIN, JR.: Automechanics 10-11, VICA 10-12

MARGARET HEIN

ELIZABETH HERLAN: Soccer 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Key Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Newspaper 11-12, WWAHS 11, Focus

SABRINA HILL: DECA 11-12, FBLA 11-12

ANDREW HOLCOMB: Baseball 9-11, VICA 11, Spanish Club 11

DUSTIN HOOD: Cross Country 9-12, Basketball 9, Indoor Track 10-12, Outdoor Track 9-10-12

TYLER HORNE: Tennis 9, Latin Club 9-10, Spanish Club 11, Marching Band 9-12

KANDICE HORSEY

JASON HOWDERSHOLT: TSA 9, Auto Mech. 1 and 2 11-12, Masonry 10-11, Electricity 1 12

HEATHER HOWE: Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Basketball 9, Spanish 10, Key Club 9-11-12, NHS 11-12, Yearbook 10-12; Sales Editor 11; Editor in Chief 12

RUSSELL HUBBARD: OM 9, 10, 12, FBLA 9, TSA 12, VICA 11, Latin Club 10-11, Spanish Club 9

AMY HUTCHINS: Basketball 9-12, JV Hockey 9, Varsity Hockey 10, FBLA 10-12, Key Club 10-12, Softball 10-12

MARCHELLANIE INGRAM: Spanish Club 9, FBLA 10-12

PAUL JASMAN

BRANDI JEFFREY: Drama Club 9-10, Jr. Civitans 10, Environmental Club 10, DECA 11-12, Co-Op 12

CANDACE JENKINS: HERO 11-12; Treasurer 11; President 12, FBLA 9-12

HEATHER JENNINGS: Winter Track 9

LAUNA JENNINGS

TARRY JEWELL: Field Hockey; JV 9, Varsity 10, Softball 9-10, FBLA 9, HOSA 9, Who's Who 9-11

JENNIFER JONES: Tennis 10-12; Key Club 10-12; Winter Track 10; NHS 11-12

VICTORIA KEETON: Orchestra 9-12, Historical Society 10 (vice-president) 11-12

SHANNA KILEN: NHS 10-12, Teenage Republicans 9-12, VP 11-12, Latin Club 8-12, Jr. Civitans 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, FBLA 11

STACI KILLION

REBECCA KIMMITZ: NHS 10-12, Class Sec. 9-10, SCA Parliamentarian 11, SCA Sec. 12, Cheerleading 9-12, Track 11, Spanish Club 10, Latin Club 9-12, TSA Vice-president 11, Students Serving Stafford 12, Focus 9-10

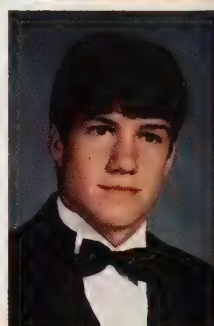
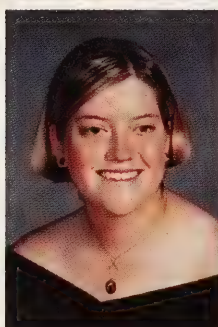
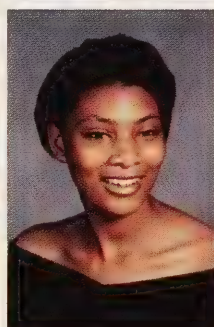
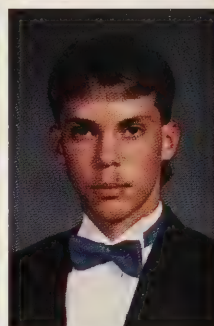
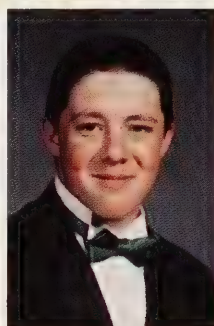
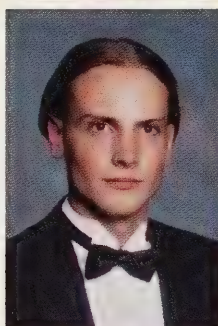
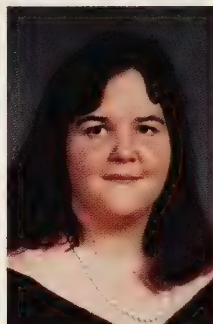
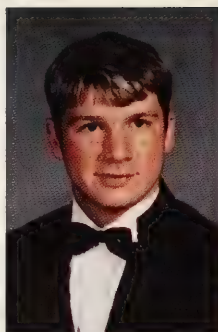
BRIAN KNIGHT: Basketball 9-12, FBLA 9-12, SCA 9-12, Spanish 10

JENNIE KORNIOTES

MICHAEL KOZICKI: Cross Country 9-12, Winter Track 9-12, Track 9-12, Latin Club 9-12

JASON LADMIRAULT: Basketball 9-12, F.B.L.A., Chess Club, Key Club

JAMES LANE: Football 9, Baseball 9-12, TSA 9-12, Automechanics 11, FBLA 12, German Club 9, 11, 12





How Seniors spend their time after school.

Free Time

School's out, what to do next? Many seniors spent their time after school working. "Yeah, it's no fun, but I work [at Little Caesar's.] And I skate when I get the chance," says Matt Harding. Jobs were important to some seniors to help them raise money for college.

Other students participated in after school activities, Jenny Connelly, for instance did "125 sit-ups, 125 push-ups, and ran 10 miles in field hockey." Becky Bricken, captain of the tennis team, said "I hang out with my friends, play tennis, or pick on nerdy juniors."

Niki Tyson said, "I enjoy anything that involves hanging out with my friends and having a good time." Seniors needed to find something to do in order to take the pressure off their last school year. Laura Jennings liked to horseback ride, and Scott Crouch played football and basketball. Kim Bradley said, "I had fun gettin' together with my friends and hitting some golf balls."

And, for those who didn't have a specific activity in mind, they should follow the lead of David Powers, who does "whatever I find to do." *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*



Computer Kid Typing on his computer, Kevin Graham works intently on his program. Kevin worked for a software company after school. Earlier in the year, the company flew him to Chicago for four days for a software conference. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



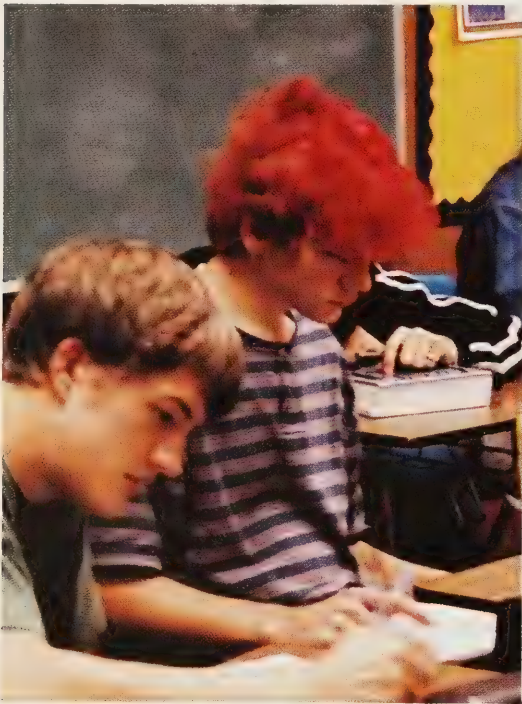
Presidential Giving the event her stamp of approval, Laurie Ripper looks on as President Clinton and his wife Hillary examine the AIDS quilt. Laurie and her friends went to see the FAHASS patch, which they had helped to make. FAHASS is a Fredericksburg area organization which is associated with the area free clinic. *Photo by Liz Kravetz.*

From dyed hair to bell bottoms, blue jeans to corduroy pants and tee-shirts to sweaters, students at Stafford wore a little bit of everything. Fashion statements were a big issue at school and many students did their best to stand out. Everybody tried to have their own style but many times they just end up looking like everyone else. Dacia Goldman explained, "I'm glad people feel free to express themselves through their clothes."

Some of the trends at Stafford turned out to be more of an amusement than a style for students. Classmen staring wide eyed at dyed hair and non-matching clothes at Stafford were not unusual sights. Quite a few students seemed to think that dyed hair was quite a statement. Junior classman Todd Coates simply explained, "Trends are something that everyone needs to quit worrying about." Kim Ulrich agreed with her quick reply of "People should be themselves and not worry about what everyone else thinks." Whether one like trends or not they were definitely the 'In Style' thing at Stafford. *Story by Sean Farmer.*

Student go wild with fashion statements

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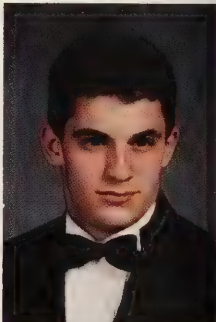
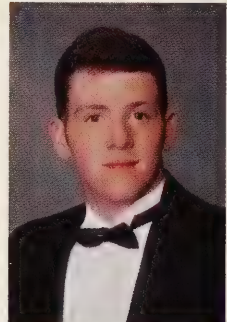
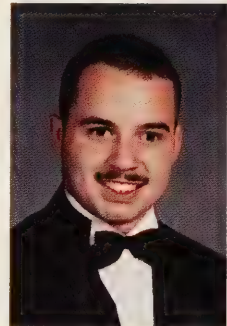
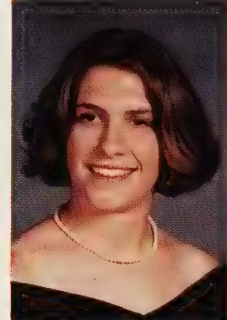


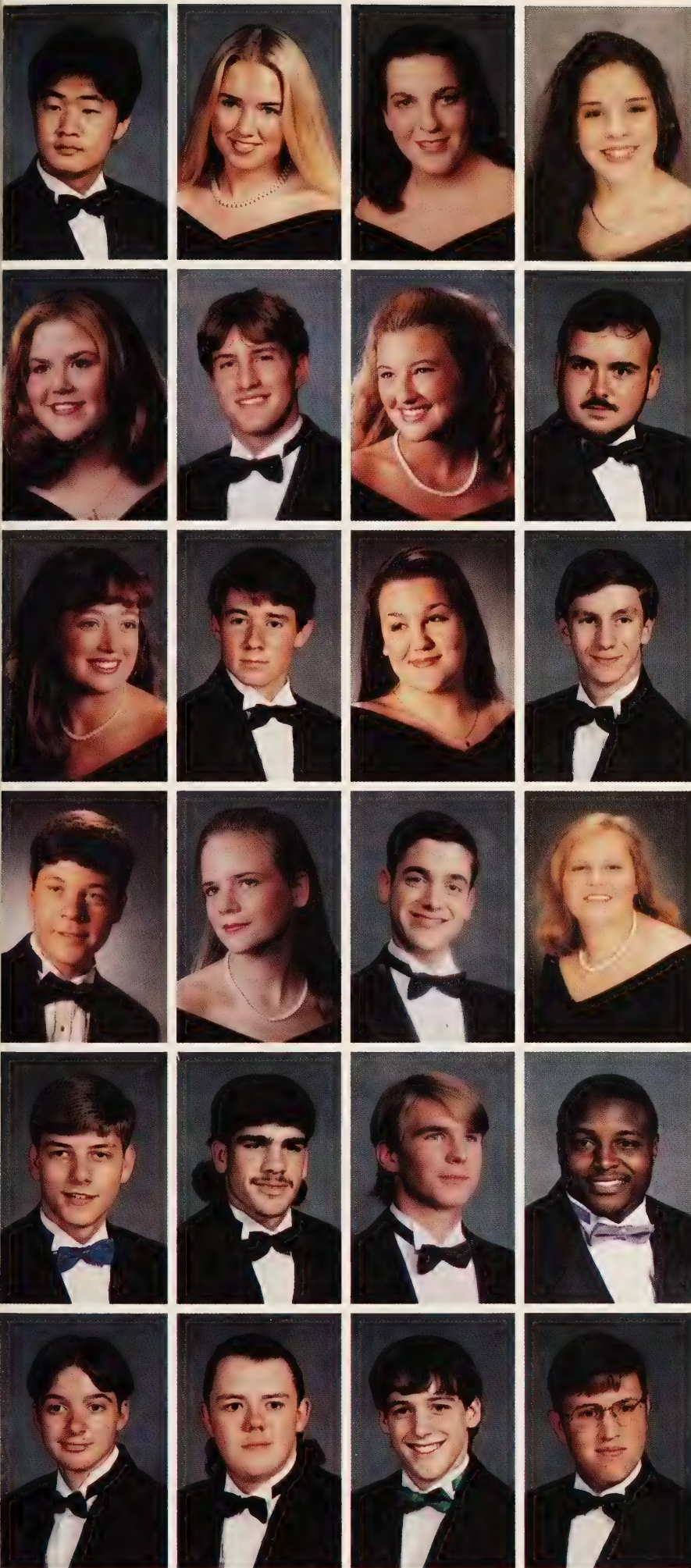
My Favorite T-Shirt A very studious bunch of young men, Adam Lincoln and Andy Craver sport the always popular T-Shirt look. Andy's hair was known to change color throughout the year. T-Shirts and jeans were a rather trendy look upon the student body. *Photo by Andi Bordick.*

Above right:

Just Chillin' Getting into the grunge thing, a flabbergasted looking Claudia Schibli passes the time during class. Odd combinations of clothing usually involving color groups that don't belong together helped make this look kinda groovy, man. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

What an outfit! A somewhat sleepy looking Steven Mills takes a little nap in his very fashionable plaid bell bottoms. Plaid clothing along with bell bottoms was quite popular amongst students. *Photo by Carol Smith.*





MELISSA LANG

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BOBBIE LAWSON: Spanish Club 9-10, Junior Civitans 10, Cheerleading 10-11, Marching Band 9-11, FBLA 10-12, Historical Society 9

MEREDITH LEIPOLD: Marching Band 9-12, Lacrosse 10-12, NHS 10-12

AMY LEWIS: Drill Team 9, FBLA 9, Auto Mech I 10, Auto Mech. II 11, VICA 10-12

KRISTIN LICHTENFELS: Tennis 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Soccer 9-12, Key Club 9-12, Honor Society 10-12, French Club 11-12, Young Republicans 9, Ethnic Alliance 12

KATYA LIEB: Cheerleading 9-10, 12, SCA Rep. 9-10, DECA 11

HEATHER LILLIBRIDGE

ADAM LINCOLN: Lacrosse 10-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Teenage Republicans 12, Chess Club 12, SAEU 12, VICA 12, Orchestra 9

KENDRA LITTLE: Field Hockey 9, Spanish Club 9-10, Latin Club 11-12

STEPHEN LONG: VICA 9-12, TSA 10, Auto Mechanics 11-12

PROSSER LOUGH: Football 9-11, Basketball 9, FBLA 11, VICA 12

JASON LOVING: VICA 11-12, Electricity 11-12, Masonry 12, TSA 10-11

WHITNEY LUCADO: NHS 10-12 Treasurer, Cheerleading 9-12, Latin Club 9-12, President 11-12, Focus 9-12, Science Club 11, Residential Governor's School 11, Girls State 12

ERIC LUNNEY: Latin Club 8-12, Soccer 9-10, Winter Track 11-12, Spring Track, Cross Country 12, NHS 11-12, Marching Band 9-11, Symphonic Band 9-10, Jazz Band 11

MEAGAN LUTES: VICA 11-12, Cosmetology 11-12

MARK LUTTERBIE: NHS 10-12, Tennis Team 10-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12

THADDEUS LYMAN: Lacrosse

DAVID MAIN: VICA 11-12, Automechanics 11-12

BENJAMIN MALAY: NHS 10-12, Boys State 12, Tennis 9-12, Winter Track 9-12, Forensics 11-12, Latin Club 9-12, Spanish Club 11-12, SAEU 12, Photojournalism 12, Key Club 9-10, Independent Study 11, Who's Who

KAREN MANN: Marching Band 9-12, Band 9-12, Lacrosse 10-12, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 9, Key Club 9

LÉO MANSTER: Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Drum Major 11-12, NHS 10-12, FBLA 12

CRISTI MARKHAM: Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic Band 9, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Softball 9-10

THOMAS MARLOW: Cross Country 10-12, Key Club 9-12, Boys State 12, Young Republicans 11, Forensics 11-12, Track 9-11

SHARENE MARSH: Band 9-12, Colorguard 9, 11-12, VICA 11-12, Historical Society 10-12, Reporter 11, President 12, Drama Club 9-10, Interact 12, Spirit of America National Honor Band 11

JEREMY MATHIAS: Soccer 9-10, TSA 10-11, VICA 11-12

CHRISTOPHER MCALISTER

TRENT MCEWEN: Soccer 9-12, FBLA

BRIAN MCKENNEY: Football 9-12, Basketball 9, 10, 12, Track 10-12, Spanish Club 9, 11, FBLA 11

JASON MCKNIGHT: Junior Civitans 9-12, V.P. 10, Pres. 11, Spanish Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Parliamentarian 12, Swimming 9-12, Interact 12, Who's-Who 11, Key Club 10-12, Focus 9-12, Debate 11-12, Forensics 11-12, Boy's State 11

MELIDA MERCADO: Drama 9-10, Literary Mag 10-11, Girls Ensemble 12, SAEU 12, Historical Society 12, SADD Parliamentarian/Historian 12, Spanish Club 12, Recruiters 12

JOSEPH MERENDA: Marching Band 9-12, SSS 11, Soccer 10, SCA 12

JAMES MILLS: Football 9, TSA 10, Automechanics 11, VICA 11

STEVEN MILLS: Spanish Club 9-12, FBLA 9, Jr Civitans 10, Chess Club 10, VICA 11-12, Key Club 9-10

ROBERT MILTON

JENNIFER MITCHELL: FHA 11, DECA 12
 CHRISTOPHER MOFFITT
 MEGHAN MONROE: Drill Team 9-12, FBLA 9-12
 GINA MORE: Yearbook 10-11, Copy Editor 12, NHS 11-12, Peer Mediation 10-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Independent Study 10, Girl's JV Soccer Mgr. 10, SAEU President 12, SADD 12
 MATTHEW MORIN
 SHANNON MORRIS: NHS 11-12, Junior Civitans 12, French Club 10-12, Vice President 12, Drama Club 9-12, Historical Society 10, Powderpuff 11-12

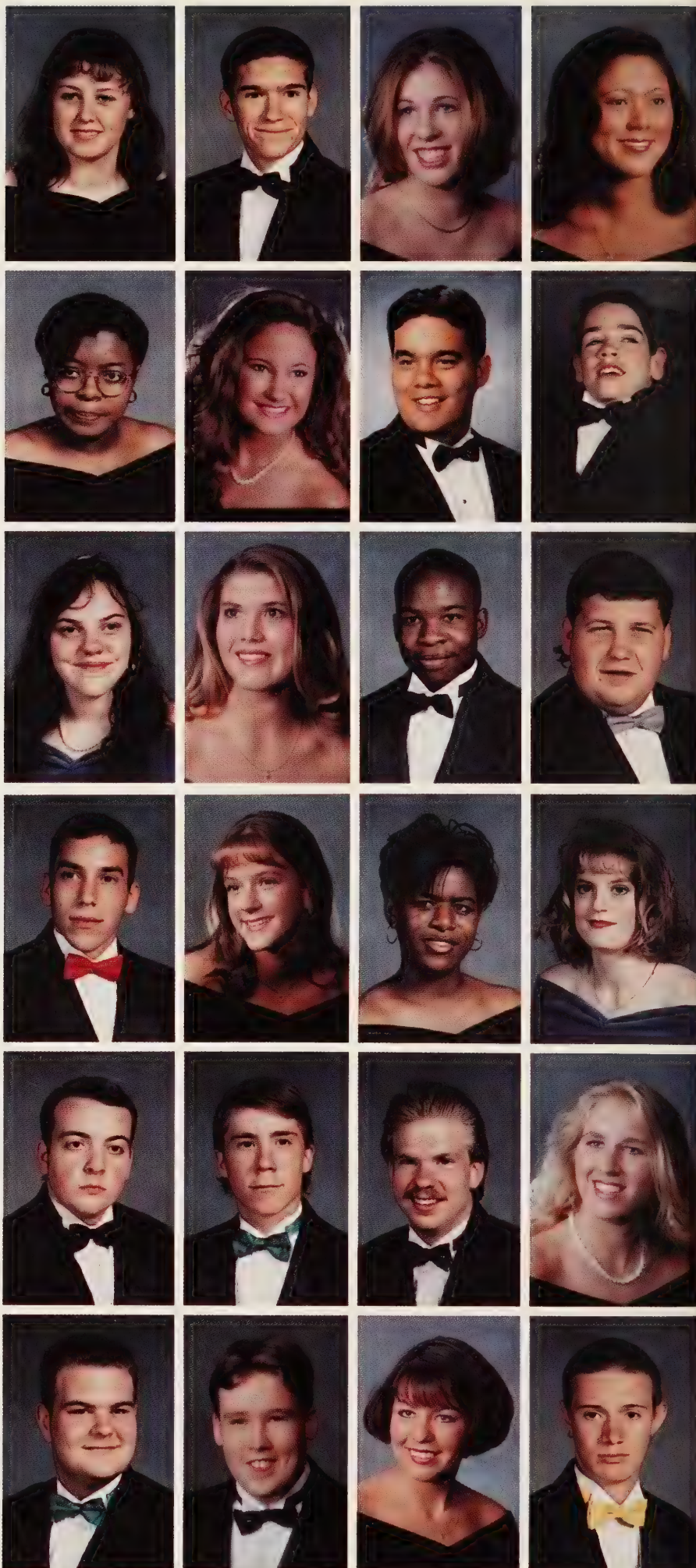
WILHEMINA MOSS: Student Alliance for Ethnic Unity 11, Young Democrats 11
 KRISTI MOYERS: Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 9, 10, Track 10-12, Senior Class Parliamentarian, SCA Rep 9-12, Spanish Club 9-12, TSA 11-12, Treasurer 11, Historian 12, SADD 12, Interact 12, WWAHSS 9-12, Key Club 12, DRAMA 9, FBLA 10, Basketball 9
 RYAN MUHLENKAMP: FBLA 10, VICA 10-11, Key Club 12, SCA REP 11, Basketball 9 Football 9, 10, 12
 KEVIN MURPHY
 M. SHANE MUSSELMAN: Golf 10-12, Soccer 9, VICA 12
 STEPHANIE NAGY: Spanish Club 11, FBLA 11-12

KAREN NAVE
 ERIN NELSON: Field Hockey 9-10, Varsity Tennis 9-10, FBLA 10, NHS 12, Key Club 11-12
 GERARD NELSON: Football 9-12, Track 12, Basketball 9&11, Spanish Club 11, FBLA 12, SCA Rep 12, Key Club 12
 JAMES NEWTON: VICA 11-12, DECA 10
 JAMES O'DONNELL: Football 9-10, DECA 11-12, FBLA 9, VICA 11-12, Lacrosse 10-11, Weight Lifting 9-12
 DAVID OJIBWAY, II: VICA 9-12, TSA 9-12

FRANCIS OKESON, JR.: Football 9-10, Wrestling 9-11, FBLA 9-11, Spanish Club 9, Winter Track 12, Video Broadcasting 12
 KELLY OLIVER: FHA 10,12, HERO 10, HOSA 12, DECA 12
 LATORIA PARKER: Basketball 9-10, FBLA 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, SAEU 11, COE 12
 CANDICE PATES: COE 12
 ASHLEY PATTON: Cheerleading 9-12 Captain 12, Gymnastics 9-12 Captain 12, Focus 9-12, Who's Who 9-12, VICA 12, FBLA 9-10
 ELIZABETH PENN

DANIEL PENNY: Lacrosse 10-12
 JASON PETERSON: Baseball 9-12, VICA 12, Auto Mech. 12
 MARK PIATT
 AMY PIESTER: Field Hockey 9-12, Captain 12, Lacrosse Manager 10-12, Swimming 9-12, Key Club 9-11, Spanish Club 10
 NADEZDA POPOVA: Newspaper 11-12, Foreign Language Aide 12, FBLA 12, DAVID POWERS

ARRON PROWETT: German Club 9, HOSA 10-12, Lacrosse 11-12, VICA 11-12, Cheerleading 12
 BRIAN QUANN: Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, NHS 10-12, Newspaper Staff 11-12
 LARISSA RAGAN: Spanish Club 9-10, FBLA 9-12, HOSA 12
 CHRISTOPHER RASMUSSEN
 CHRISTOPHER RATLIFF: Football 9, Wrestling 9, Track 9-12, Winter Track 10-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Forensics 11-12, Latin Club 9, Cheerleading 12, Hope Club 10
 JERRY REDDING, II: NHS 10-12, Football 9-10, Baseball 9-10, Wrestling 9,10,12, Spanish Club 11, Key Club 12





As the time came for seniors to look into colleges, a mixture of anxiety and excitement was in the air. Seniors could be found in the guidance department leafing through pamphlets and college magazines. For such an important step, preparation began early in the year. "I wanted to make the right decisions about college. The next few years should be a good experience, not a regret," said Kristi Moyers.

Getting ready for the future and the long road ahead.

College

Upperclassmen who have college friends got the inside scoop of what college is really like and learned that it's not all wild parties. For some juniors, the thought of leaving the nest and traveling off to college was intimidating. "I think going off to college is scary. There is going to be so much to get used to, but I'm excited since there will be so many people to meet and new experiences," said Doris Gayle. "I'm more nervous than scared," said Kristen Galyen. "College is so much bigger than high school. I'm actually kind of looking forward to see what it's like to be out on my own for a change," she added.

The pressure hasn't caught up with some yet. There are those who are looking forward to the lighter side of college. Marissa Pugh said, "I can't wait for college. In a way I'm afraid, but I'm ready for the parties!" Mrs. Mary Ann Lewis said, "College is the best time of your life. You finally have the freedom to be on your own and still not have the full responsibilities. It's a great chance to just be yourself and really find out who you are." *Story by Danielle King.*



Planning Ahead Listening to a college spokeswoman, Terry Carmichael, Michael Crossnicker, Sean Kerr, and group are informed about colleges. Students spent many hours becoming familiar with the many choices of schools. Many attended College Night at Spotsylvania Mall to become even better informed. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



College Bound Getting ready for college, Johnny Torrey and Meredith Goggin gaze at the computer screen for ideas. Johnny hopes to attend Julliard for Drama. Meredith has her goals set with either JMU or Longwood to study performing arts. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*

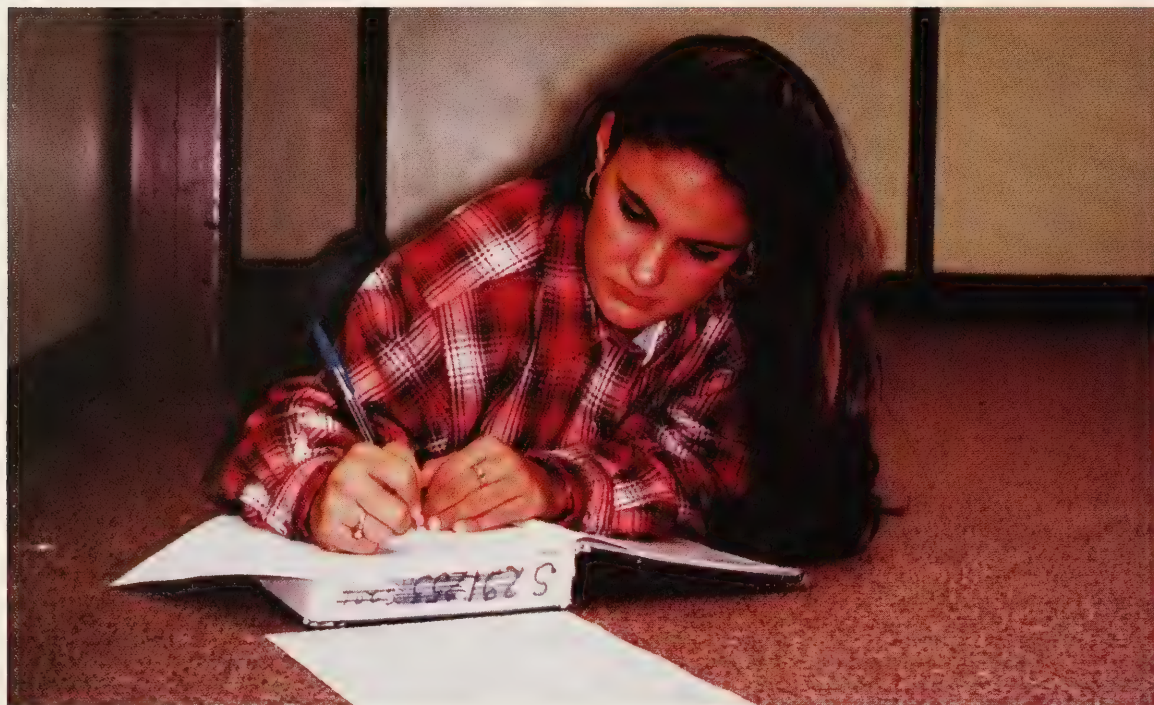
For many students, the close of their high school years will mean a new home, a new life... away at college. While some students choose to wait until college actually arrives to start into the college routine, others prefer to have a head start. Darla and Rita Stevens both took advanced placement classes. Both agreed that A.P. classes really "get you ready for college classes and get you better prepared to handle the hard work and time that college will take."

Aside from the extra preparation, advanced placement and special classes had many other benefits. One of the best benefits of advanced placement courses according to Becca Kimmitz, are the smaller classes. "Since the classes are really small, the teacher can answer more of your questions and help you more than they could in a bigger class." Whatever the reason, many of Stafford's students found A.P. and special classes to be a great way to further their high school, as well as their college education. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*

Advanced placement classes--

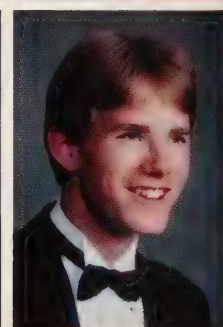
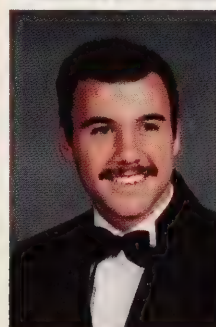
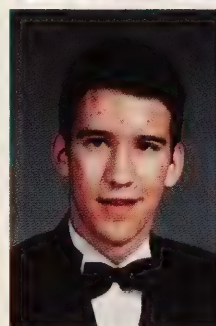
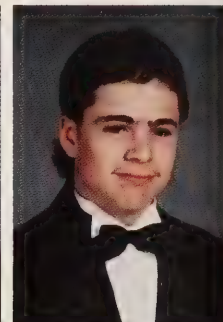
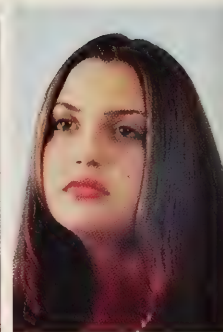
helping to get a head start on college.

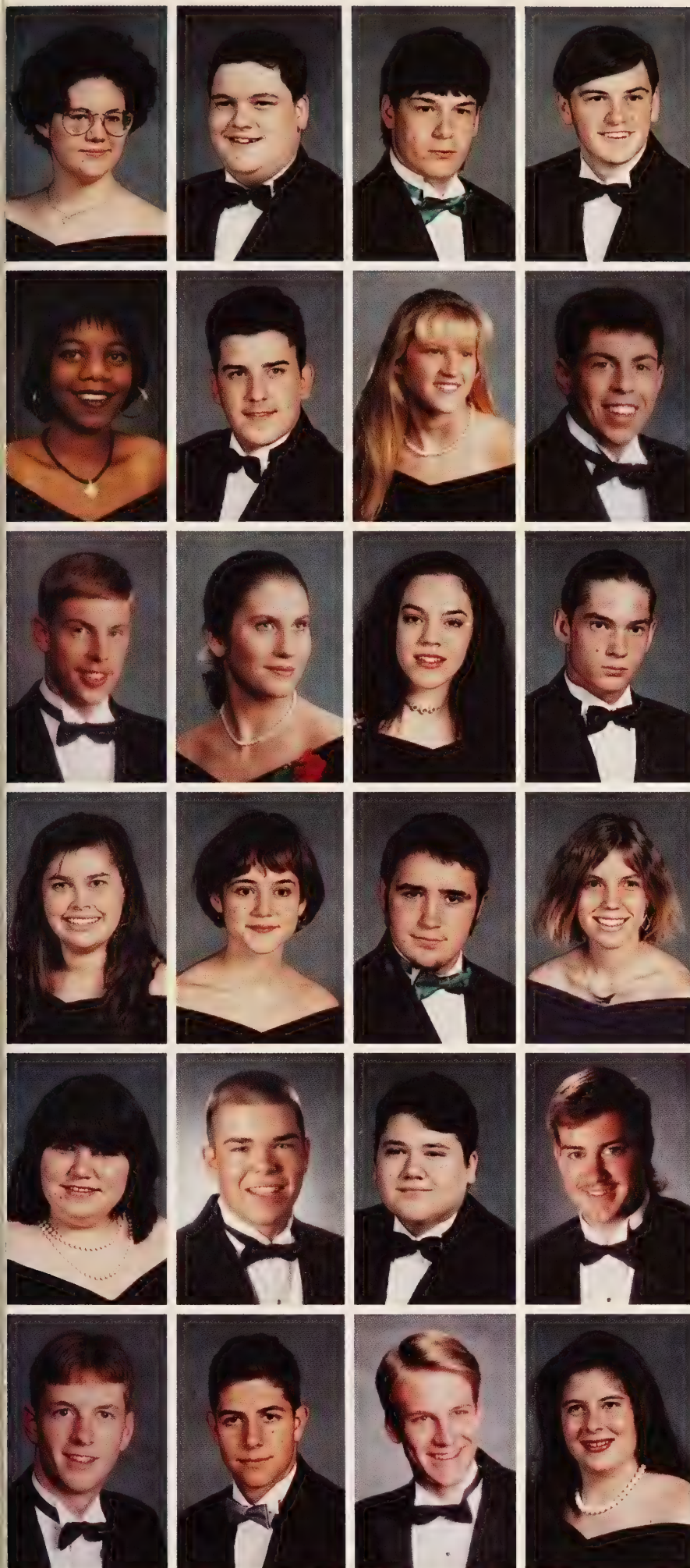
Getting Ahead



Overtime Kristi Moyers works on homework from Dual Enrollment English. Dual Enrollment classes required a lot of "overtime" and lots of work. The classes take more effort and work than some classes the benefit of being prepared for college made them worth it! *Photo by Carol Smith.*

Speech! Speech! Missy Derr gives an oral presentation in an A.P. class. Advanced placement classes are a great opportunity to prepare for college and to earn college credits! *Photo by Rita Stevens.*





NATASHA REDDINGER

DIANA REEDY: Drama Club 11, Girls Ensemble 11, Madrigals 12, Art 12, Historical Society 11

ROBIN REEDY: NHS 11-12, Latin 9-10, Teenage Republicans 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 12 Sec. 12, Science 10, Key Club 9-10, Spanish Club 12

COREY REID: VICA 9-12, Automechanics 11, Masonry 12

JOSEPH REID

SANDY RHODY: VICA 10-11

NATHAN RICHARDS: Drama Club 9-12, Key Club 10, SCA Alt. 12, German Club 12

TRAVIS RIDDLE

JOCELYNE RINGO

KENNETH ROACH

ANGELA ROBERTS: Field Hockey 9-12, Gymnastics 9-10, Spanish Club 9-11, Latin Club 11, HOSA Sec. 11, FBLA 10

MICHAEL ROBERTS: Soccer 9-11, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10, 11, 12, VICA 11-12

JASON ROBINSON: NHS 10-12, Newspaper 11-12, Managing Editor, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11

MELVIN RODGERS, III

CURTIS ROSE: Wrestling 9-12, Football 9-10, TSA 9, VICA, Spanish Club 12

NANCY ROUNTREE: Drama Club 11, Spanish 11, SCA 11, Chorale 11, DECA 12

LEAH RUBIN: Jr Civitans, History Club, SAEU, Band, Marching Band, Spanish Club, Art I

CLIFFORD RUSSELL

ROBERT RUSSELL, II: VICA 11-12, Auto Mechanics 11-12

ERIN RYAN: Varsity Field Hockey 10-12, JV Hockey 9, Soccer 9-10, Winter Track 9, Spanish Club 9-11

BRANDI SANDERSON

JENNIFER SCAIFE

NATHAN SCHERZER

CLAUDIA SCHIBLI: Marching Band 12, Historical Society 12

MICHAEL SCHROTH: Football 12

RYAN SCOGGINS: French Club 11, Powder Puff 11,12

ANGELA SEALS

BENJAMIN SEHL: Golf 12, Latin 10-12, FBLA 10, VICA 11-12

DANIEL SETZER: History Club 11-12, FBLA 11

DAVID SHAFFERMAN: Football 9-12, Basketball 9, FBLA 11, German Club 9, VICA 11-12, Science Club 9

JESSICA SHAHAN: Class Representative 9

ELLIOTT SHARP: VICA 11, FBLA, Spanish Club 9-10, Key Club 9-12

MICHAEL SHUGART: Spanish Club 9-12, FBLA 12, Soccer 9, 12, Field Hockey Mngr. 11-12, Key Club 12

MATTHEW SILKENSEN: Baseball 9-12

THOMAS SITZMAN: Cross Country 9-12, Track 9-12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 9-11, Spanish Club 9-12 Treas 12

MELISSA SKEEN: Smoke Signal 10-12 Editor-in-Chief 12, Spanish Club 9-12 Sec. 12, Marching Band 9-12, Color Guard 11-12, Governor's Russian Studies Academy, Key Club 12, FBLA 12, Historical Society 12, Wind Ensemble 10-11, SADD 12

CAROL SMITH: Cheerleading 9-11, Soccer 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Latin Club 11-12, SCA Rep. 9-10, Officer-Executive Board of Directors, Key Club 9-12, SADD 12, Yearbook 12, Girl's State Nom.
 LEEANN SMITH: Spanish Club 11, VICA 12
 ROBERT SMITH
 CHRISTOPHER SNELLINGS: Winter Track 10, Spring Track 10, FBLA 10-11, VICA 11-12, Treasurer 12
 STEPHANIE SOURS
 SHELLI SPOON

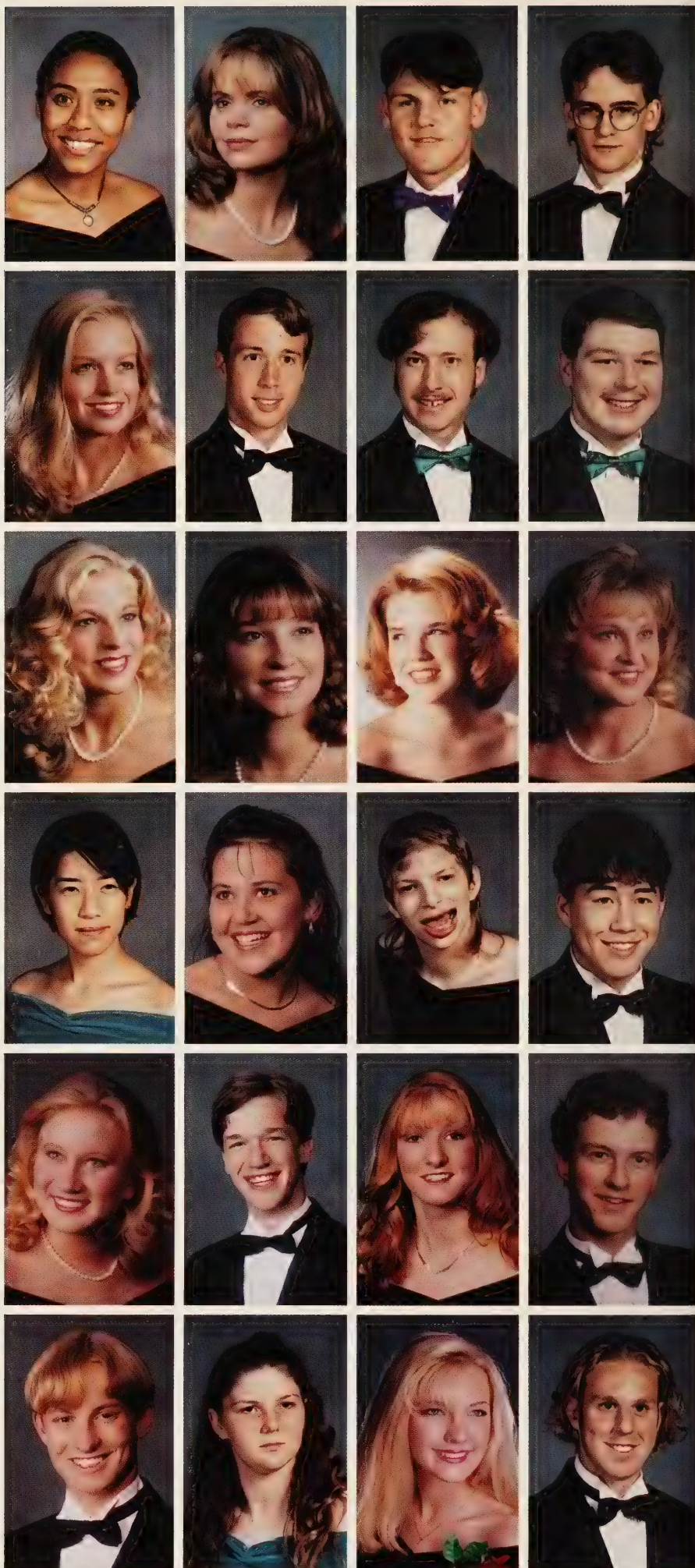
MEGAN STAAB: Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 12, Track 10, French Club 10-12, Key Club 10-12, SADD 12, Science Club 12
 ANDREW STAMPS: Swim Team 9-12, Soccer 9-12, Marching Band 9-11, NHS 10-12, Wind Ensemble 9-10, Jazz Band 11-12, Latin Club 9-12, Battle of the Brains 11-12
 TIMOTHY STELLO: Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Wind Ensemble 11-12, FBLA 11
 ALVERY STEVENS: Football 9, Teenage Republicans 10-12, FBLA 11, VICA 9-10, French Club 11
 ANGELA STEWART: Marching Band 10-12, Wind Ensemble 10-12, FBLA 10, Track 9-10
 LISA STIDHAM: SCA Rep. 9-11, Class Vice Pres 9-11, Key Club 11-12, JV Soccer 9-10, Indoor Track 9, Karate 9-12, Madrigals 9-11, Indoor Soccer 9, SCA Reporter, SSS 12, HOPE 10

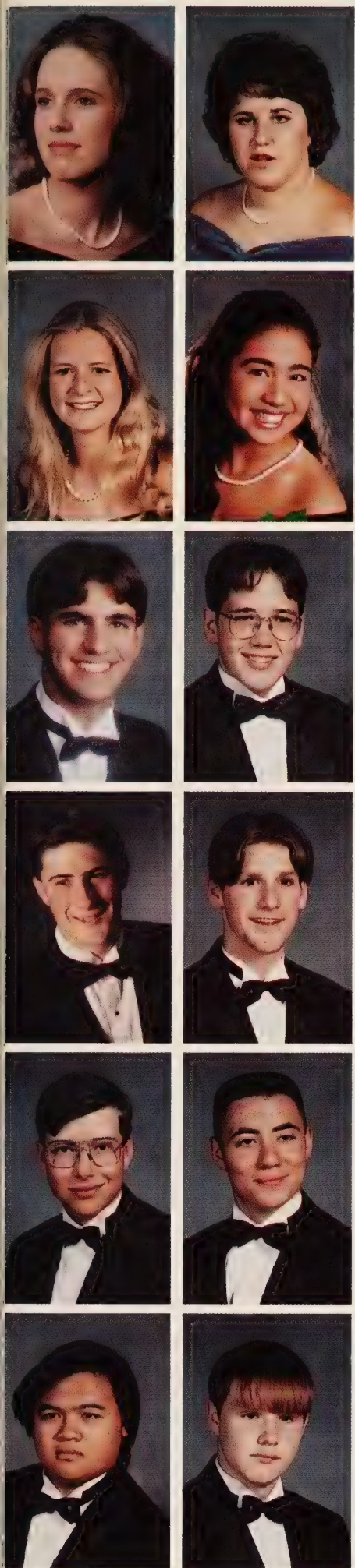
CHRISTY STONER: Cheerleader 9-12; Gymnastics 9-12, Captian 12; Soccer 9-11, Captain 11; Track 12; Forensics 10-11; Drama Club 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Key Club 9-12; Yearbook 10-12; Freshman Class Reporter; Senior Class Vice-President
 CHRISTINE STUTZMAN: FBLA 9-11, Spanish 10-11, Latin 8-9, Drill Team 9-10, DECA 12, Math Club 11
 CATHERINE SULLIVAN: Madrigal 10-12, Recruiters 10-12, Flag Corps 9,11, Drama 12, Spanish Club, SCA Representative
 MELISSA SULLIVAN: Cheerleading 9,10, WWAHS 9, Spanish 9, FOCUS 9-12, COE 11, FBLA 12, DECA 12, Softball 12
 SEAN SULLIVAN: Football 9-12 Co-Captain 12, Soccer 9-12 Co Captain 12, 10-12 FBLA
 JOSEPH SWANSBURG

MAKIKO TAKADA
 SHARON TAPSCOTT: FBLA 10
 ANGELA TAYLOR
 DANIEL TAYLOR: JV Baseball 9-10, Varsity 11-12, Football 9, TSA 9
 RAYMOND TAYMAN
 CHRISTOPHER THOMAS: Soccer 9-12, Ethnic Alliance 12, Spanish Club 12, NHS 12, Jr. Civitans 12, Key Club 12, Historical Club 12, SADD 12, Rotary Club 10, FBLA 12

CHRISTIE TOKAR: Basketball 9, Cheerleading 9-10, Key club 9-12, FBLA 9-10, Swimming 9-11, Ethnic Alliance 12, Tennis 11, Lacrosse Man. 10-12, DECA 11-12, French Club 12, Junior Civitans 10-12, Smoke Signal 11-12
 JOHN TORREY
 CRISTI TORRICE: Drill Team 10-12 Officer 12, VICA 11-12 Reporter 12, Track 9
 JEFFREY TRIGGER: Golf 9, Spanish Club 11, FBLA 11-12
 MICHAEL TUTOR: VICA 11-12
 WILLIAM TUTTLE: Marching Band 9-12, Key Club 9, Jazz Band 11, Wind Ensemble 10-12

JASON TWIGG
 KAREN TYLER: Marching Band 9-12, Symphonic 9-11, Wind Ensemble 12
 NIKOLE TYSON: Sr Class Pres, Jr Class Sec, CTE 12, Yearbook 10-11, Forensics 11-12.
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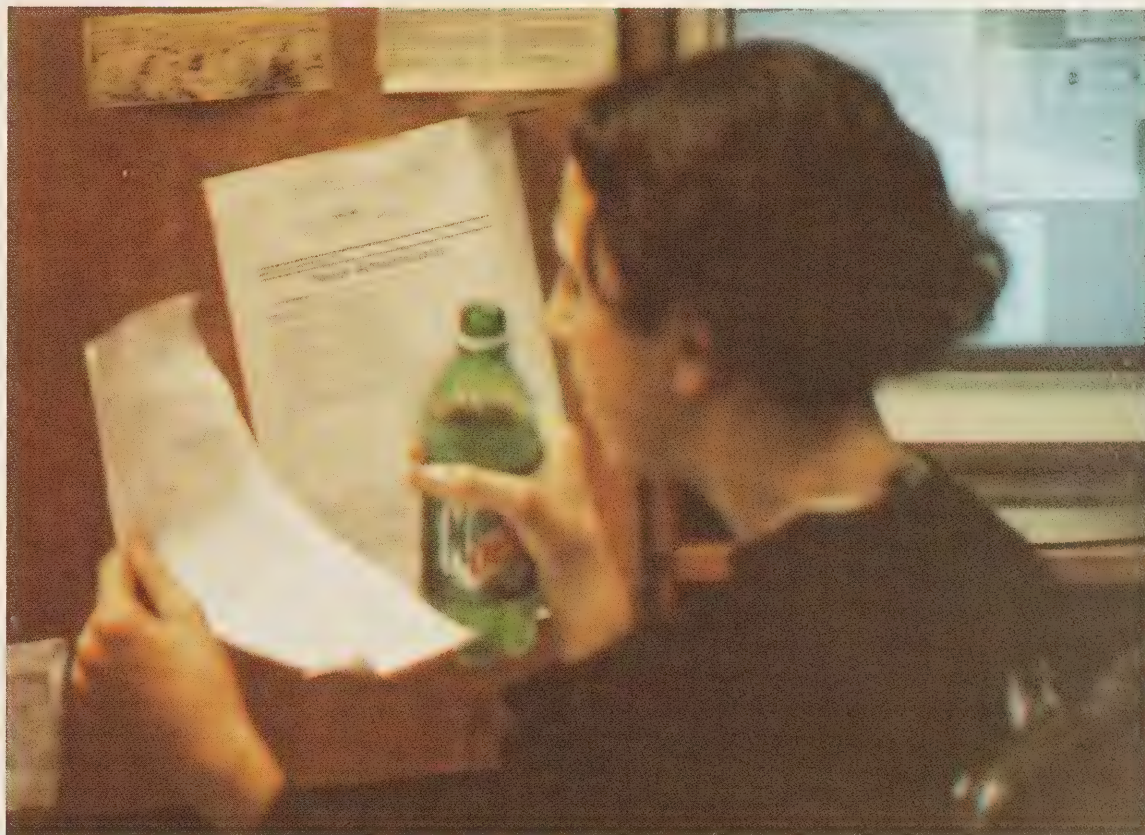


Graduating Juniors are getting on with their education and careers.

Early Out

It's their Junior year. When most Juniors think of what they will be doing next year they think of their senior year in high school, however some juniors are thinking about college. Graduating juniors are ready to get out into the "real world". "I'm graduating early because I feel I have matured enough to go on with my life," said Chris Moran. Many graduating juniors felt that if they graduated early they would be able to move into the fast paced real world easier. "Graduating early will get me out of college earlier and help me go into my career earlier and be more head strong," explained Amy Hutchinson. As Patsy Decatur explained, "It will get me ahead, and I will be younger than everyone else so I will feel more mature." Whatever the reason juniors may be graduating early they all want to go out and experience life on their own.

Story by Dacia Goldman.



Looking On Looking at career material in the guidance department, Chris Moran, a graduating junior thinks about future plans. Graduating juniors worked hard and studied hard to graduate early. Photo by Brian Ennis.



Look, Learn and Listen Sitting in class, Patsy Decatur listens inattentively to her teacher. At times, it may have been hard, but it payed off for students to pay attention in class. Photo by Rita Stevens

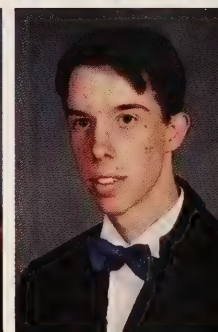
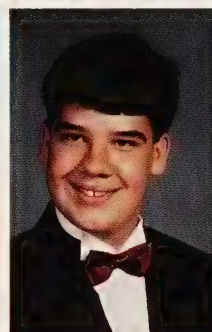
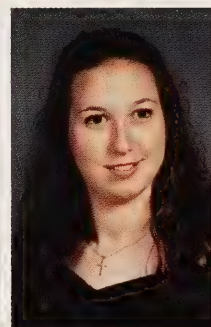
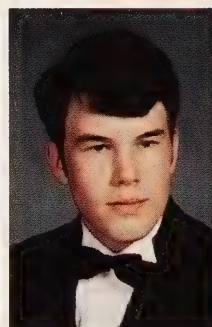
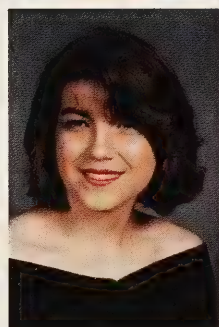
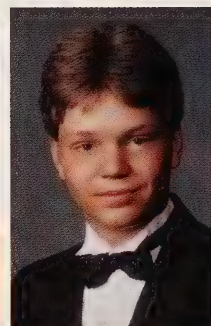
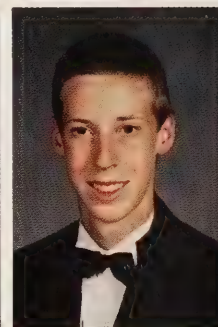
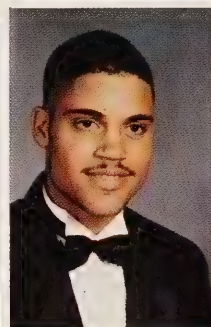
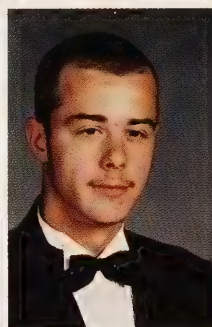
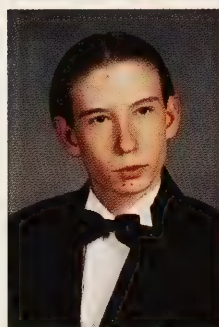
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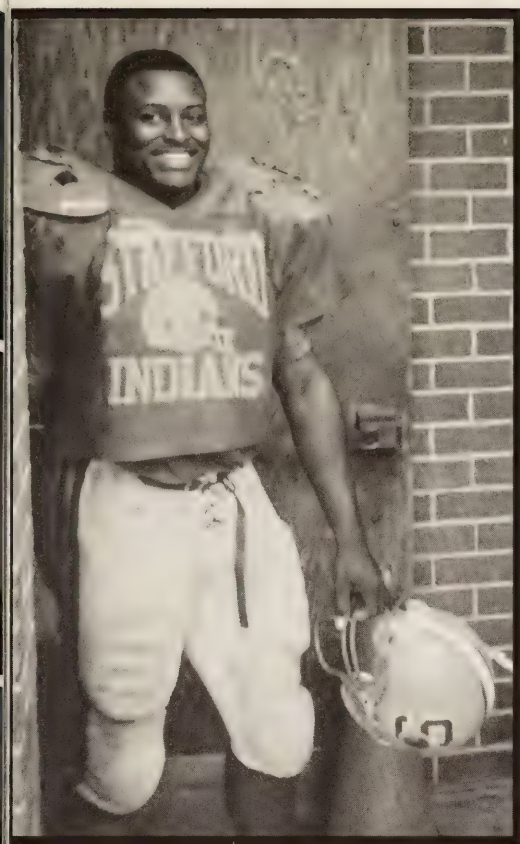
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Quick as Lightning With a follow through, Erin Ryan takes a shot on goal during a field hockey game. As a forward she had to be able to handle the ball with ease. Her senior year proved to be her most successful when the field hockey team was able clench the district title. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



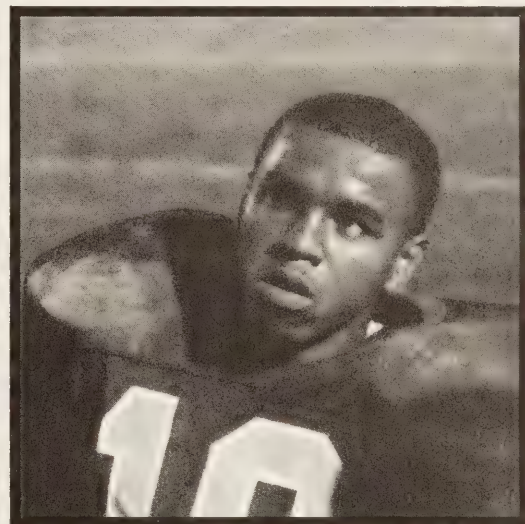
Balancing school work with the pressures of competing

Senior Athletes

Athletes had to deal with the struggle of balancing school work, social lives, and after school practices. Senior athletes had an even greater burden to handle with the pressures put on them by parents, teachers, and colleges. Many were preoccupied with decisions of what to do after high school ended and had trouble staying concentrated on their sports teams. Dustin Hood, a member of the cross country team said, "There is a lot of pressure being a senior athlete and having to deal with upcoming college and scholarship decisions. But it's more fun than last year because we get to pick on the freshmen and throw them in the pond."

Others thought that being a senior athlete brought more responsibility because they were the leaders of the teams and had to constantly be aware of their actions around the underclassmen. "When you get to be a senior all the younger kids look up to you. It can be difficult sometimes being a good role model for them both on and off the field," said Kris Denson. They had to remember that although they were playing to have fun, they needed to be serious during practices.

Despite the pressures, most seniors enjoyed the power over younger teammates that comes with being upperclassmen. After four years of hard work and sweat some were ready to move on, but not without some regrets. Kelly Combs stated that, "after four years I'm finally reaching the conclusion of my high school sports career. I'm going to miss it, but I'll be busy with college life." No matter what sports they played, athletes carried their high school memories with them for years to come. *Story by Sara Philpott.*



All Ears Taking a rest during a game, Craig Branham listens to the advice his coach gives him. This year the football team got their revenge on North Stafford by winning back the famous "bell". This was a great way for seniors to end their high school football careers. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Hanging Together Racing to the finish line, cross country runners Edith Taylor and Beth Goodall run stride for stride. Beth Goodall transferred to Stafford as a senior and was a great asset to the team. Her endurance helped to lead her team to a district championship. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

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Picture Perfect Grinning for the camera, Brian McKinney emerges from the locker room for football practice. Seniors on the football team had to work extra hard because they were role models for the younger players. Their successes paved the way for a great season next year. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



The Class of '98 represented the juniors of Stafford High School. There was a wide range of personalities and styles from student to student, but they were all still connected in that "camaraderie" sense. Though they may not hang out with each other or even be in the same clique, it was inferred amongst them that they'd always be there for each other in any time of need.

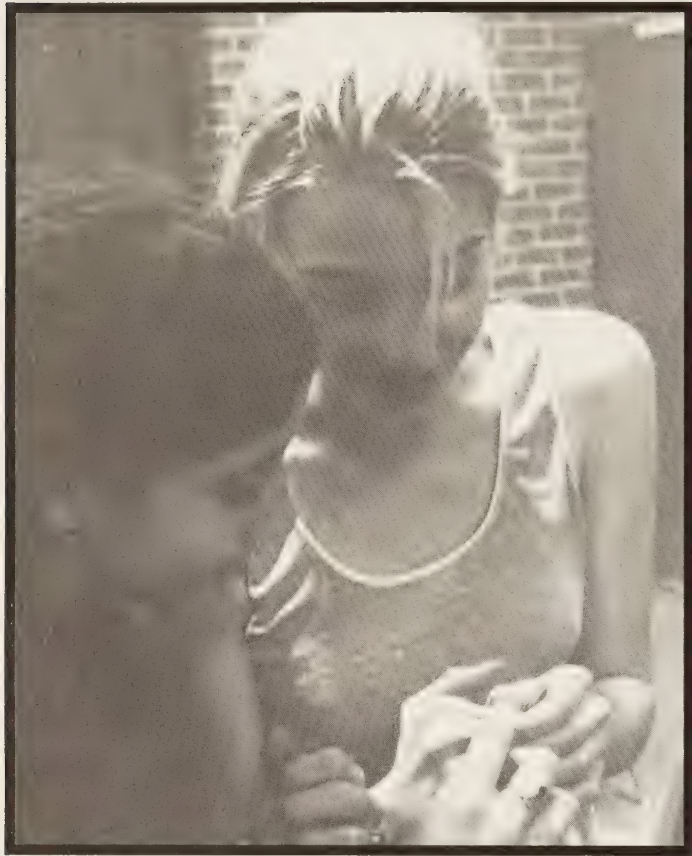
Junior year presented many new possibilities for the now upperclassmen. They had two years of the high school experience behind them and were now presented with many new privileges. Jeff Carpenter said "it's better than previous years because we're higher in the social status ladder and I can now cut in the lunch line." Liz Kravetz supported Jeff's statement and added "It's almost like it proves that I'm better than everyone else. Now I have the standing of an upperclassman."

With senior year looming ahead, the juniors enjoyed their last year of not stressing over college applications, scholarship programs, and many other worry-type issues. Instead, they focused on fun and more fun! *Story by Gina More.*



Eye on the Juniors

The Glittering of Gold Looking on in wonder, Laurie Ripper takes a good look at Liz Kravetz's new ring. The girls were two of many, who were found comparing rings at the Ring Dance. The Ring Dance was a night to compare rings, and dance the night away. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



Ring Memories While at the Ring Dance, William Keiner and Sean Farmer wait to turn Katie Jacoby's ring. The rings supplied by Jostens will serve as a memory of the years at Stafford. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

DALAL ABILMONA
CATHERINE ADAMS
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KURT CHEWNING
CECILIA CHO
ELIZABETH CHO





Diamonds are a girls best friend

Ring Dance

The Ring Dance. For some Juniors, getting their class ring is a realization of growing up. "It made me realize how fast life goes and that we'll be graduating soon," said Amber Spicer. For others, getting their class rings doesn't mean much now. As Ryan Lynch stated, "It doesn't mean anything at this point but maybe a little down the road when I think back about my high school years it will."

Most juniors received their rings at the ring dance which was an exciting and long awaited event for many. "The Ring Dance was just like any other dance except there was more energy because everyone was bouncing around turning everyone else's rings," said Melanie Allen. The big event is a dance held after the football game where juniors and some seniors' rings are distributed. Most people enjoyed themselves, however some thought it was a mind boggling experience such as Matt Korniotis replied "It was confusing because no one could remember whose ring they had or hadn't turned". Even through all the confusion everyone had a lot of fun. *Story by Dacia Goldman.*



Twist and Shout!

Giggling with excitement, Katie Jacoby and Arline Weeks have a fine time turning each other's rings. The Ring Dance was loads of fun for all who attended. Most juniors who received their ring at the dance were excited, and will think of it as a night to remember. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

Friends Turning her ring, Steven Cull converses with Amanda Sparks about the Ring Dance. The Ring Dance was a time to be with friends and have a good time. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

Juniors were faced with many new challenges; one major one which many chose to tackle was the PSAT's. PSAT's were not required, but strongly encouraged because they helped students to prepare themselves for the SAT's. There were mixed feelings about the test; some felt pressure from parents and teachers to do well. Katie Jacoby said, "I was so nervous before them that I almost forgot my name! But once I got started they weren't as bad as they were built up to be." There were other problems students faced. "It was way too early in the morning for my brain to function," said Steve Clark.

Other students didn't view the PSAT's quite as stressfully, although they realized their importance. They proved to be a learning experience for all who took them. Taking them early helped them to deal with the pressure of taking the SAT's as seniors when it really mattered. Jonathan Catalano stated, "I feel like I've gotten a lot smarter. My brain is about to explode!" Most people did the best they could and decided not to worry too much about the results. Darla Stevens said, "I wouldn't exactly say they were fun, but hopefully they will help me do a little better on the real SAT's." *Story by Sara Philpott*

Taking the
PSAT's to
prepare for the SAT's.

Brain Busters



Concentrate! Deep in thought, Melanie Allen, Cecilia Cho, and Melissa Bushy study in the library. Students worked long hours to prepare themselves for the PSAT's. This test helped to give sophomores and juniors an idea of how they might do on the big test, the SAT's. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*





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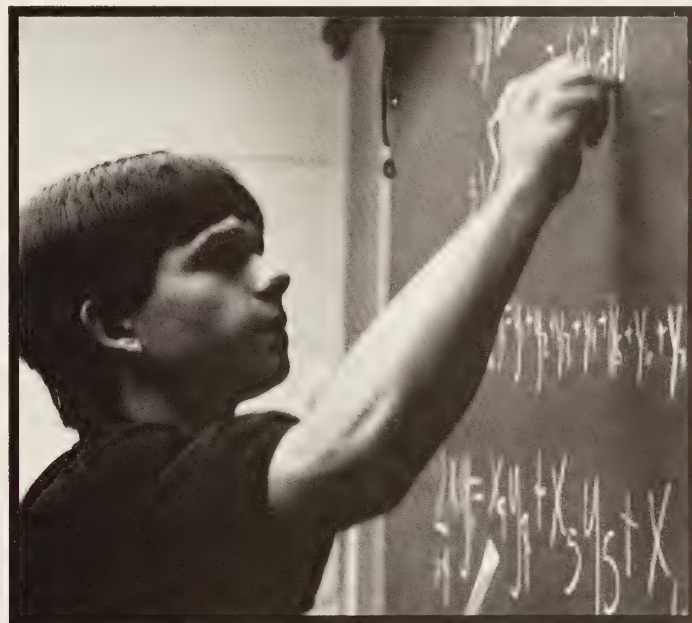
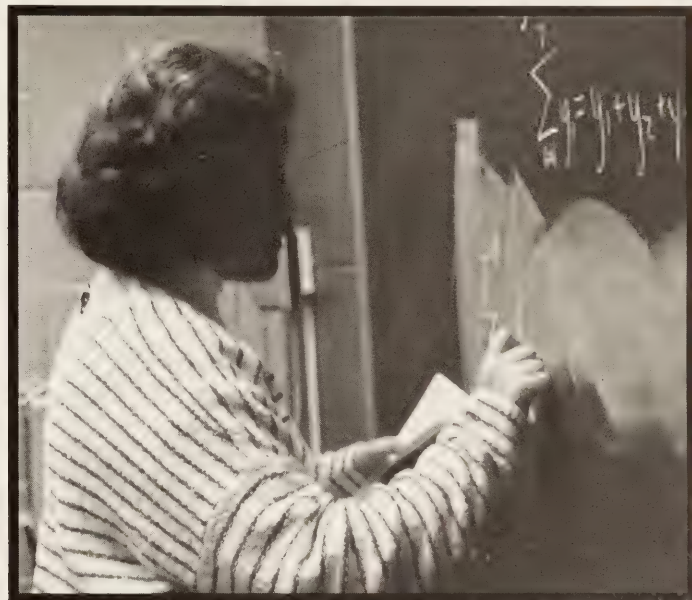
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JACLYN FISHER
JOANN FISHER

Say What? Trying to figure out a complex math problem, Jamie Ennis attempts to write the solution on the board. Math was an important part of the SAT's and it was necessary for students to understand the basic concepts. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*



On A Roll Working his way through a Calculus problem, David Lane concentrates on his work. Math, as well as English skills, were of great importance on the SAT's. The more experience students had in these subjects, the better they did on the test. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*

Laugh A Lot Sitting in class, Jill Strong and Ashley Sisson get a good laugh at their class mate's expense. Just previously, Sean Farmer had tripped over a desk and landed on his behind.

Photo By Andi Bordick.



Meow Amy Craft observes as Cameron Chewning enjoys a nice back scratching from Fluffy the class pet. Cameron later admitted that the kitty got a little out of control and left some hellacious scratches on his back. *Photo by Andi Bordick.*

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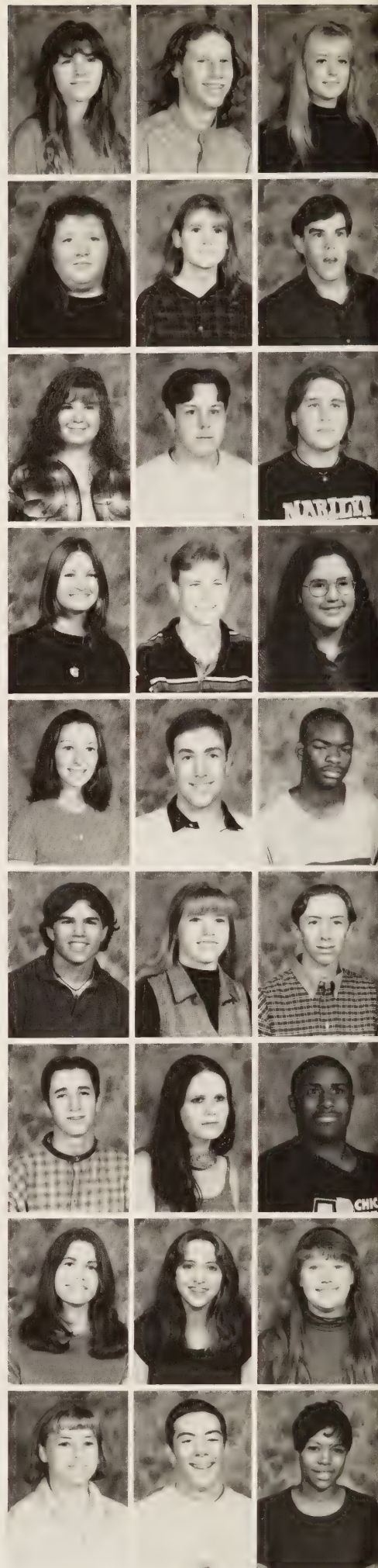
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BENJAMIN HYDE
BILLY ICE



Many different things "float the boats" of the student body

Fubilation

What is Happiness? There is no correct answer to that question. Happiness comes in a different form for everybody. Sometimes a single factor can brighten somebody's day, other times it takes a number of things to elevate the glee to that of the utmost. Such is the case for Dwaine Parker, who, when asked what makes him happy, responded "When I get to school in the morning and see all the girls, what their wearing, how they act; keeps me up-spirited, gets me through the day.

They're my bowl of Cheerios in the morning. And at the end of the day like to end it with a little Basketball and listen to Junkyard Band." Other people are not as hard to satisfy. Stacey Rogers said that all she needs to be happy is a fat wad of cash. "Classic music and good literature makes me happy," exclaimed Christian Lincoln after a great deal of contemplation. Simply getting out of his house and into the "real world" is enough to keep Patrick O' Sullivan content. No matter how bizarre or how common place it is, there is always something that makes every single person happy. *Story by Jesse Hanson*



Renaissance Reunion Entertaining the participants of the Renaissance Festival, Shirley Barnes stands at the May Pole in her renaissance outfit. The Virginia Renaissance Festival was a favorite of many people. *Photo By Paula Barnes.*



How's That Taste? Looking to the sky, Aaron Austin attempts to catch snowflakes on her tongue during the first snowfall of this school year. This act was inspired by Charlie Brown's Christmas Special in which Linus could be seen doing the same thing. *Photo By Carol Smith.*

Dating and all the joys and pains that go along with it affected almost everyone while they were in and out of school. For some students the pure fact that they could be with that one special person for two or three minutes in between periods was enough to get them through the day. Others strove for more than those precious few minutes and went to after school events and tried that mysterious and sometimes heartbreaking, dating thing. Some people were not quite able to describe their emotions towards dating and all it's pros and cons, they agreed with Rebecca Washburn who simply said, "I guess dating is good." The never ending mystery of will this work or not continues in its stressing and confusing way of entangling the mind with questions unanswered.

With dating comes stress and decisions and every once in a while it was nice to sit back and laugh about those trying occasions. Roger Brown seemed to agree with all the more humorous sides to dating and explained himself fully with his comment of "Dating is an honorable profession everyone should try it once in a while." The world of dating like everything else has its advantages for each side. Steven Cull thoughtfully spoke his mind when he said, "Dating has its upsides and its downsides but if you find a relationship that has an upside.... it is the best thing in the world." Regardless of whether dating ended in happiness or heartbreak, love gained or love lost most people agreed it was worth the chance taken and if they were to do it all over again they would do it all the same way.

Story by Sean Farmer.

Students try to cure their restless heart

Dating



Too Much Fun Enjoying a romantic evening with friends at the exquisite Pizza Hut, Sean Farmer and Courtney Berry laugh their way through a night out on the town. Going out for a meal whether it be fast food or fine dining was often where students ended up.

Photo by Rita Stevens.

Party Crowd Basking in the fire-light of the bonfire Christy Stoner, Aaron Prowett, Chad Martin, Danny Pyle Lisa Mendoza, Danielle King and Brandon Ratliffe cheer along with enthusiasm. Football games and other school events were a popular hang out.

Photo by Bryan Ennis.





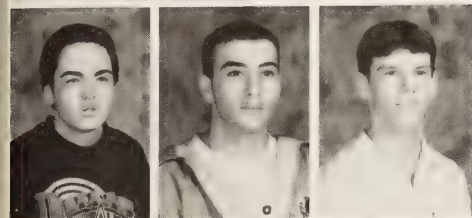
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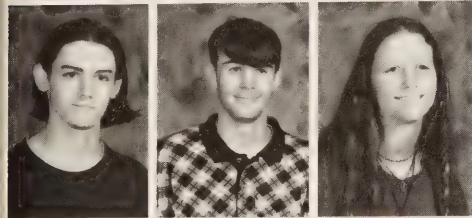
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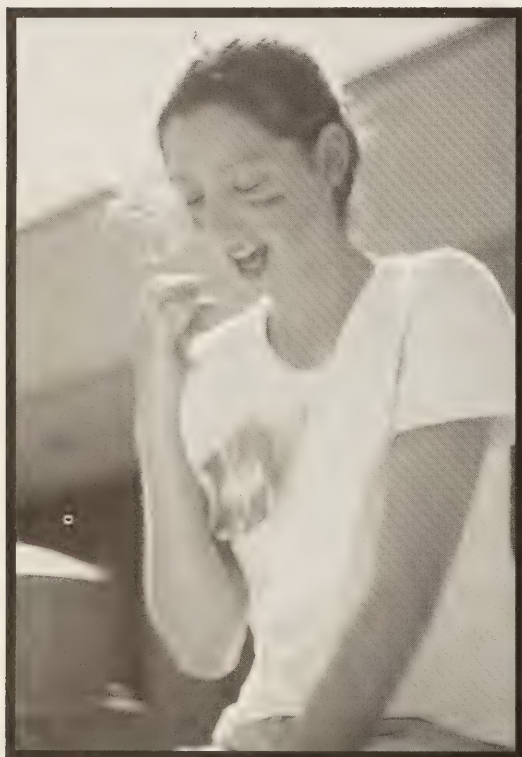
Good Morning Dear! Still trying to wake up, Niki Tyson and Dennis Carmady struggle to make it through the day together. During Spirit Week, Niki and Dennis were dressed for "Get Up and Go Day".

Photo by Carol Smith.



Perfect Pair Looking to be enjoying themselves, the happy couple of Sarah Evans and Jacob Scott seem to be having a great day together. When couples weren't fighting, fussing and arguing they occasionally had a good time. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*

"Sunshine Day" Enjoying the sunshine, Mary-Curtis Smart works on her math assignment. It was important for her to finish it so she would have time to prepare for the night's powder puff game. The black eye grease was the juniors' attempt to intimidate the seniors. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*



What a Day! Concentrating intently, Dacia Goldman also tries to complete her assignment. She was looking forward to beating the seniors that night. Her button was a present from one of the "honorary" cheerleaders of the event. Many Junior and Senior guys dressed in drag in order to be cheerleaders for the game. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

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MARY-AMBLER MORRIS
DEIDRA MULLINS
DERRICK MULLINS

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STARLA ROCKWELL
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As the girls play football the boys cheer them on to victory

Powder Puff

This year's powder puff game was spectacular. The girls had practiced for days - well, at least hours ahead of time. "Football is harder than you think," exclaimed Allison Dobson. The seniors won the event, but it was a close call. This was the Third Annual Powder Puff game, the third time the seniors have won. Meanwhile, the guys made hilarious cheerleaders and drill team dancers. Matt Donaldson, a member of the drill team for the day, said "It was hard to learn the dance in that short time period. I think that

we did a good job, though." Both the boys and the girls experienced mass confusion, but the mayhem merely contributed to the fun. Katie Jacoby shared, "I have a newfound respect for football players. That game is rough!" Throughout the day fierce competition flourished between the classes. The senior team members wore ties and slacks; the juniors wore jeans, white T-shirts, ponytails with blue and yellow ribbons, and football grease. "We wanted to appear tough, so that we could intimidate the other team" explained Kristi Dixon. The cheerleaders wore part of their uniform, and the dancers wore T-shirts proclaiming the word DANCER. The King and Queen of the event were Missy Derr and Brandon Ratliff, respectively. Mrs. Wheelbarger's exclusion of the field hockey team was the only downside of the event. Elizabeth Campbell explained, "I wish I could have played, but I understand Wheelbarger's decision. We haven't lost a game, and we can't afford to lose players and risk ending our winning streak." All in all Powder Puff was a hit, and a good time was had by all.

Story by Mary-Curtis Smart



Huddle! Chatting with Sean Sullivan, cheerleader, Rebecca Kimmitz and Beth Patton talk strategy. The seniors won the event, after a grueling fight to the finish. A fun night was had by all. *Photo by Carol Smith.*

The alarm goes off and a body drags itself from a comfortable bed at some ungodly hour in the morning to stand in a line of extraordinary length. What could possibly drive some members of the class of 1998 to subject themselves to this unparalleled torture? A parking permit perhaps? Freedom from riding the dreaded "cheesewagon"?

"Parking permit. Parking permit." muttered junior Sean Farmer.

"Why are you saying parking permit?" questioned fellow junior classmate Danielle King.

"So maybe God will drop one down here to me," he replied.

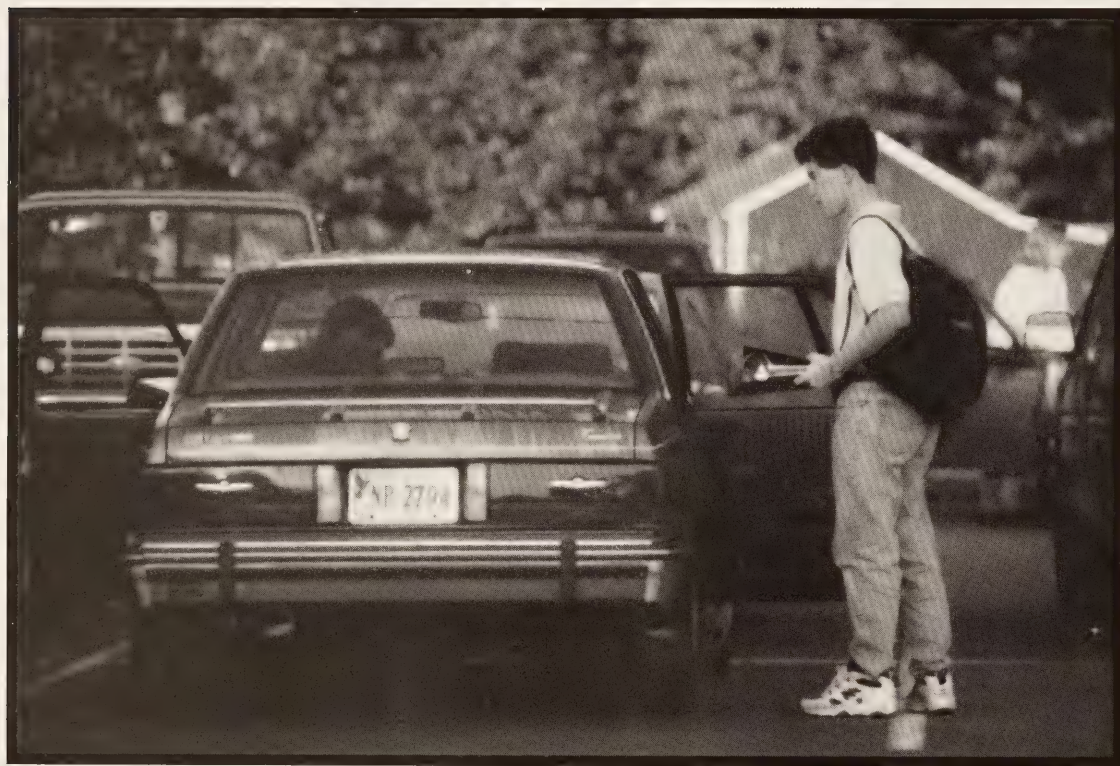
Many members of this year's junior class shared Sean's feelings on the subject of parking permits when they saw the unbelievably long line that had amassed at an hour in the morning so early it shouldn't be legal to be awake then.

"I got there at around 5:30 in the morning, so the line wasn't too bad. But some [explicative] people got there at 5:00 in the morning," complained Matt Korniot, another frustrated junior who beared the torture to reap the rewards of being able to drive to school and park in the wonderful parking lot of Stafford High School.

Despite a long line and cranky, grumpy people, juniors subjected themselves to a punishment so great that the only reward possibly worth the excruciating experience is freedom from riding the "cheese." *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*

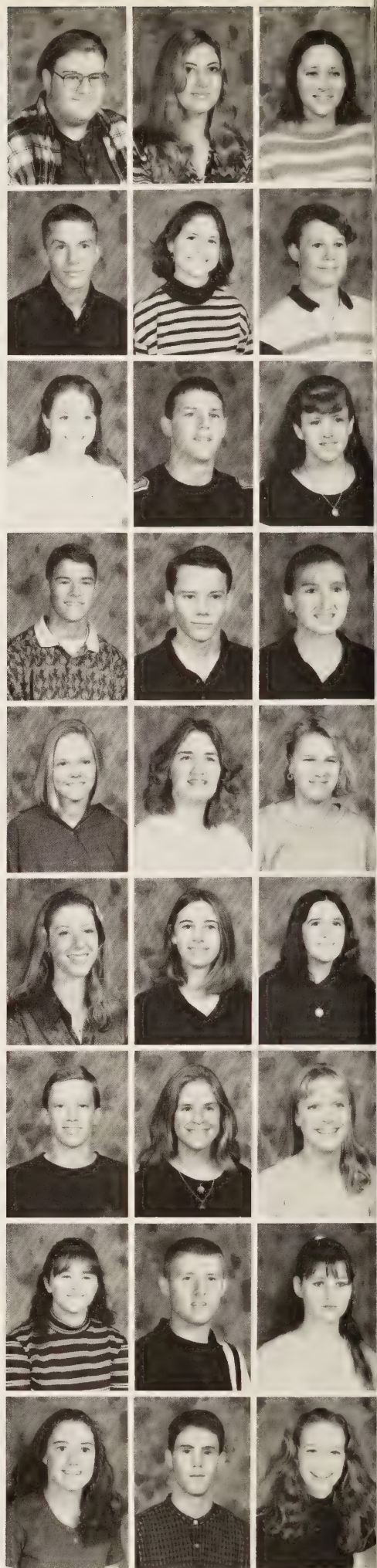
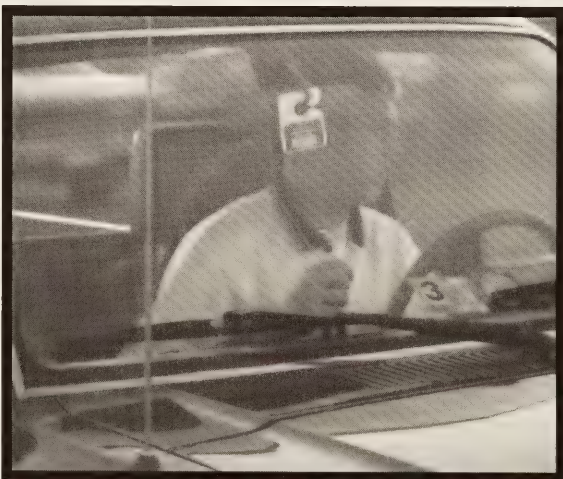
A piece of plastic worth its weight in gold

Parking Permits



Leaving Snigglyland. Lugging his monstrous A.P. English notebook, the illustrious James Como leaves the classic Caddy of Dave Hatch for another day of school. Jay Como and the Hatchman were famous for their great musical selection they sported in their car, which most Staffordites can't boast.

I can drive!! Pulling into school, Ron Sullivan seaches for a parking space in Stafford's crowded parking lot. He woke up early and waited in a long line to hang that piece of plastic from his rearview mirror, but he wasn't alone.





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STACEE ROGERS
JESSICA ROSE
JONATHAN ROTHWELL
ANDREW ROWDON
MARY ROWE

JAMES RUPPERT
TIFFANY RUTLAND
RYAN SALE
BRIAN SATTERWHITE
KRISTIN SAUGER
TRAVIS SAUNDERS

GENEVIEVE SCHERRENS
JAY SCHMITZ
LISA SCHREIBER
JACOB SCOTT
KRISTIE SEAL
MICHAEL SEKELICK

DAVID SHAHAN
DAKIN SHARUM
ERIN SHEA
ALLISON SHEPARD
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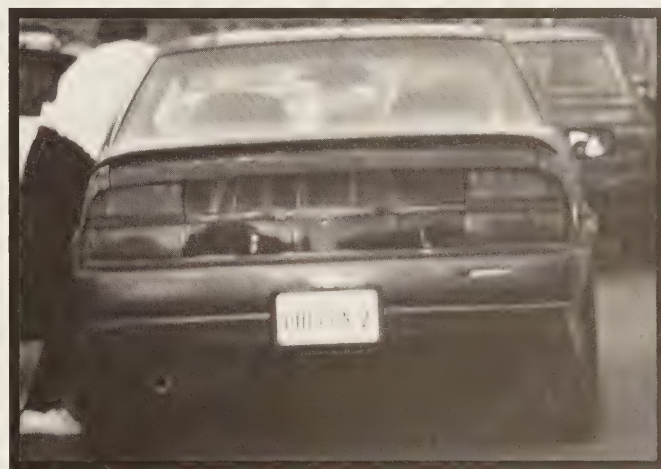
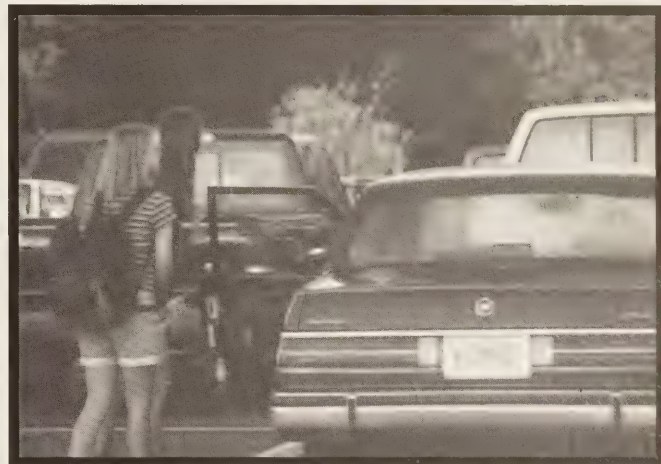
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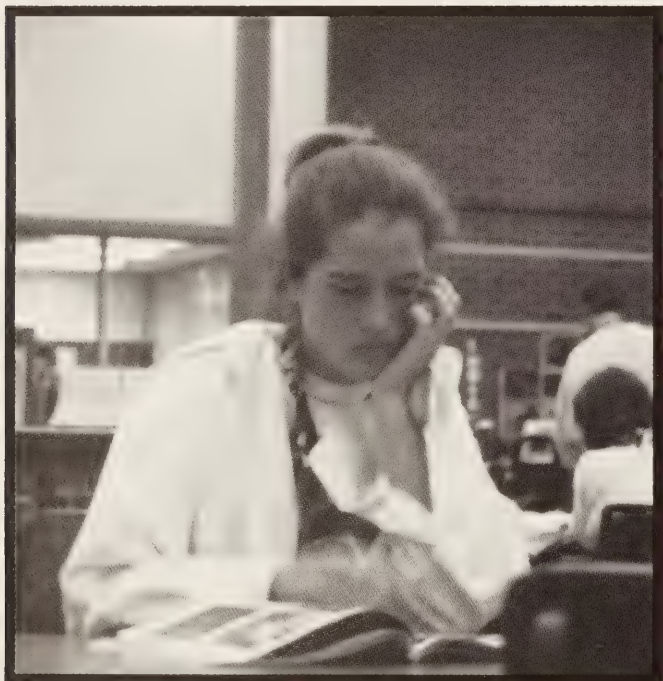
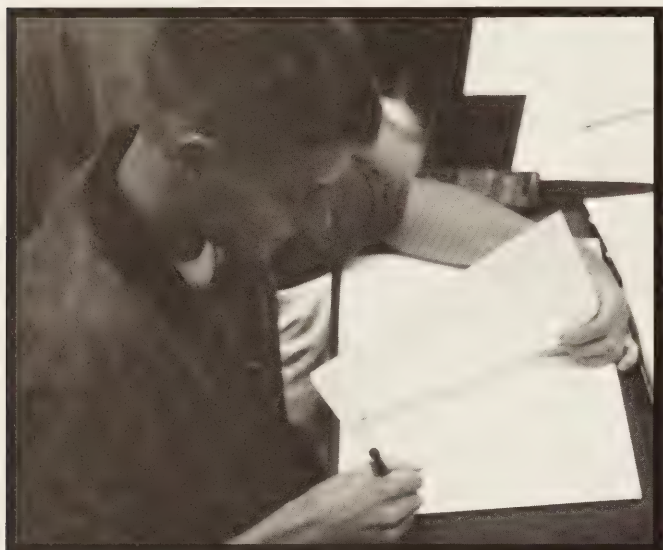
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Sisterly love. Preparing for another day of school, Marissa Pugh and her sister leave their precious car to enter school. The Pugh Sisters, along with many other students made the daily trek from the parking lot, but it's better than the bus.



Dolfun.... Doing who know's what in her car, Michi Otis tries to stall the inevitable progression of school. Michi, as well as several other students, allowed people to try to figure out their license plate, though hers is pretty obvious.

Work! Work! Work! Finishing his assignment, Nickie Shahan, scribbles down the last problem. Study Hall was a great opportunity to finish up school work. For those with club activities and sports, study halls were wonders. *Photo by Rita Botts.*



Shhhhh... Gazing at her book, Amy Hutchins spends some quiet time in the library. Students were found in the library early in the mornings finishing up homework. Many took advantage of the quiet atmosphere. *Photo by Andi Bordick.*

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MATTHEW THOMPSON
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JASON TRANT

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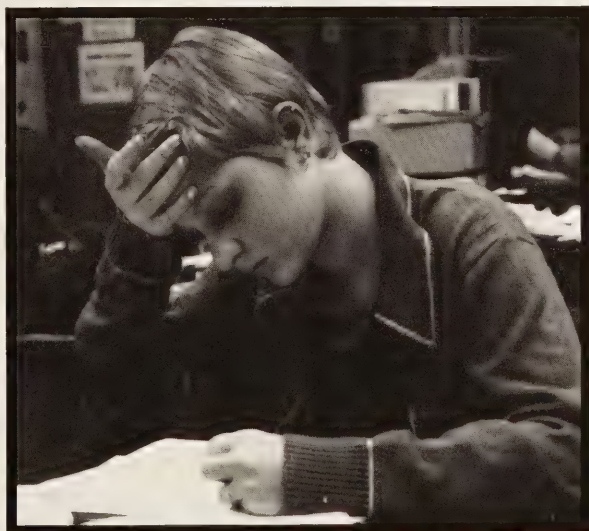
For Our Own Good, or a Teacher's Revenge?

Homework

"I only have one question," said Dee Dee Bevan, "When am I suppose to get any sleep?" Homework from a teacher's standpoint is a great reinforcement of the daily lesson, but to students it's a pain that takes away from their social time. We all know that homework is really for our own good, but keeping that in mind when the time comes to hit the books is practically impossible. After being at school all day, the last thing students want to do is take home a backpack full of homework. "It wouldn't be so bad

if every teacher didn't assign homework like they were the only ones giving it," said Tim Nemo. "Every night I have tons of homework in almost every class," he added.

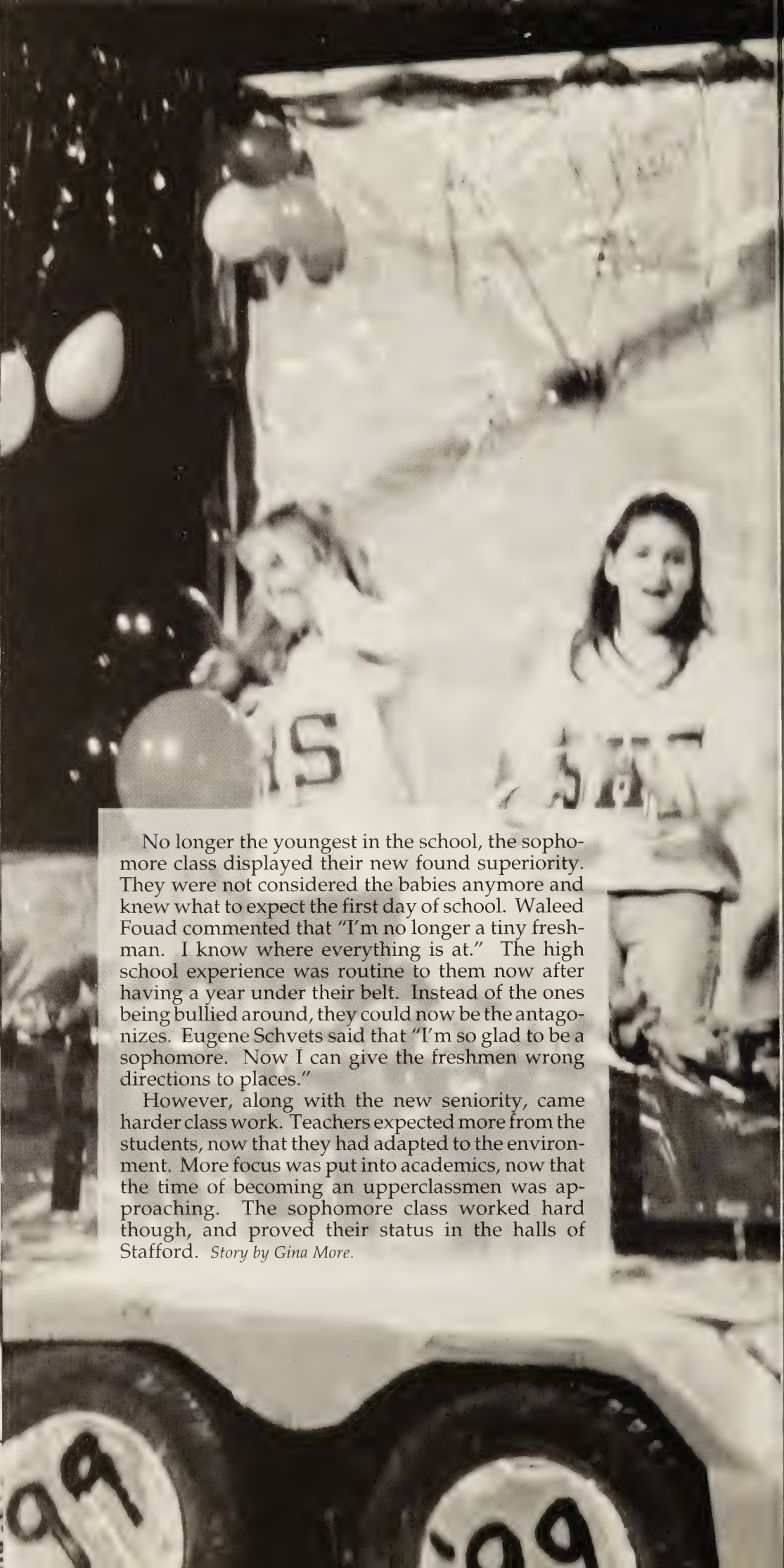
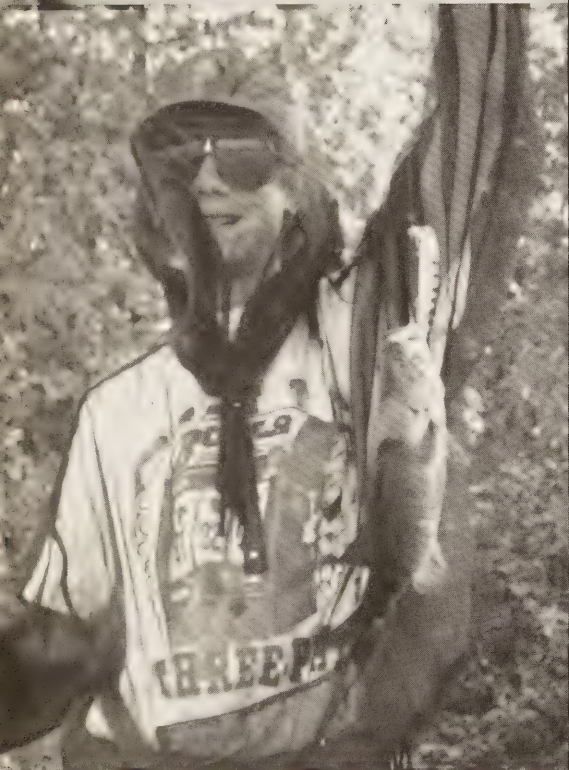
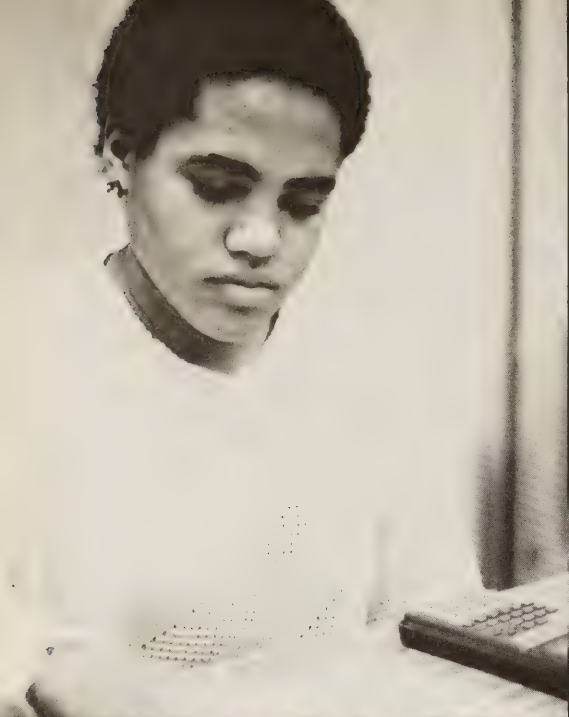
"I wish we could get more done in school so we wouldn't have to do so much at home. I can't remember the last time I actually got to veg in front of the T.V.," said Aaron Austin. Students who were involved in after school activities or sports had to try extra hard to juggle their homework, too. "As if I didn't have enough to do, tennis practice plus homework took even more time out of my days," stated Mark Lutterbie. In the words of Wayne Wray...Qui vult dare parve non debet magna rogare." The translation, "He who wishes to give little shouldn't ask for much." Story by Danielle King.



Calculating Punching at the keys, Kate Nuckols tries to figure a math problem with the help of Laura Hickman. Students depended on these mini computers for many of their classes.

Photo by Bryan Ennis.

Intense Learning Working strenuously, Rane Fetherman concentrates on her class work. Students were busy with school work and had to accomplish much of the work load during class. Finding time to hold down decent grades and still have free time was hard. Student by Rita Stevens.



No longer the youngest in the school, the sophomore class displayed their new found superiority. They were not considered the babies anymore and knew what to expect the first day of school. Waleed Fouad commented that "I'm no longer a tiny freshman. I know where everything is at." The high school experience was routine to them now after having a year under their belt. Instead of the ones being bullied around, they could now be the antagonizes. Eugene Schvets said that "I'm so glad to be a sophomore. Now I can give the freshmen wrong directions to places."

However, along with the new seniority, came harder class work. Teachers expected more from the students, now that they had adapted to the environment. More focus was put into academics, now that the time of becoming an upperclassmen was approaching. The sophomore class worked hard though, and proved their status in the halls of Stafford. *Story by Gina More.*



Eye on the Sophomores



Pep Time The senior class files in to the packed gym for a pep rally. It wasn't always easy getting the crowd involved but a combination of the cheerleaders and a few spirited students usually got students off their feet and cheering! Pep rallies played a major role in getting sports' teams ready for their big games. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

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WILLIAM ANDERSON
THERESA ARMBRESTER
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WILLIAM ATKINSON

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WILLIAM AXTMAN
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RAKEYA BAKER

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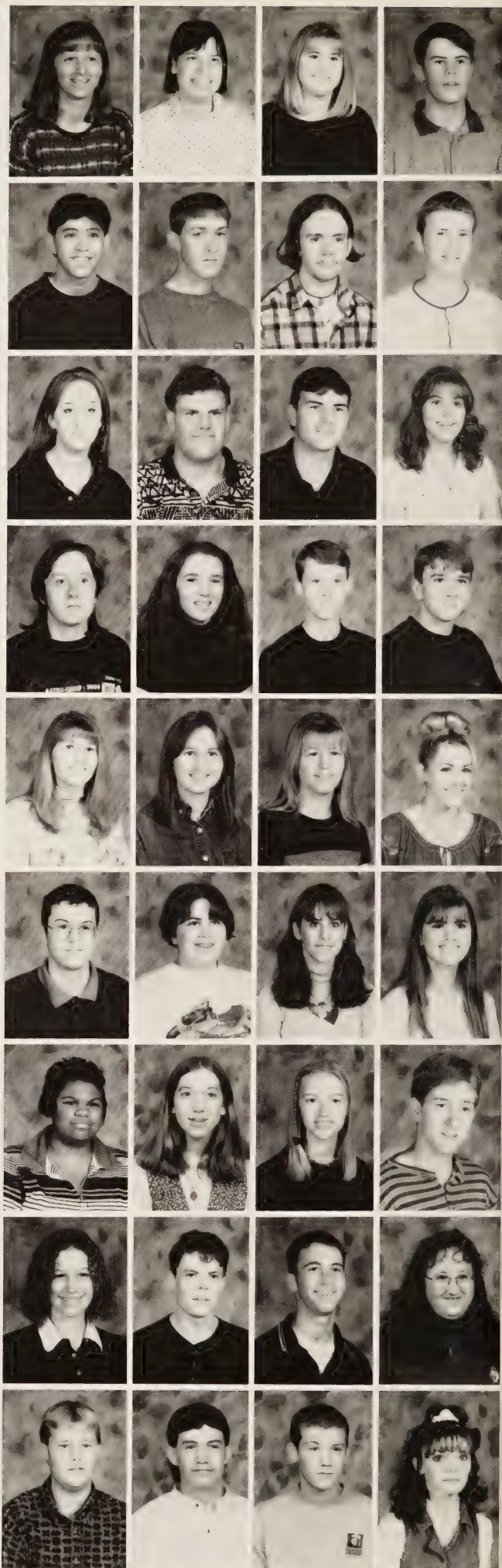
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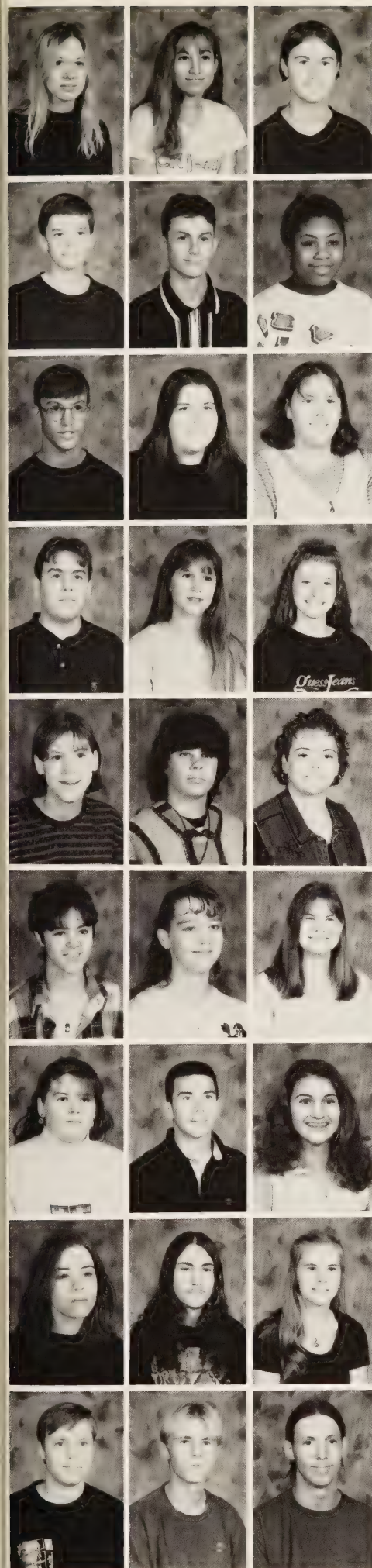
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DAVID CARLOW





Pumping up that Blue and Gold Spirit

Spirit Check

S-P-I-R-I-T! Of course, spirit. Its that little word that keeps the sports' stars pumped and the fans cheering. So how does Stafford rate on the "spirit scale"? According to Coach Spicer, "Stafford has the best students anywhere, when you need them to show their spirit they really put forth a lot of effort and do a great job." It's that spirit that makes events like Spirit Week, pep rallies and sports' seasons successful.

Those like Coleman Tyson, who can be found running around shirtless at football games with his chest and face painted blue and gold, lead the

way in showing school spirit. Why go to such great lengths? "I don't know," says Coleman, "everyone just gets together and we have a lot of fun." And why not? Amy Parsons, a J.V. cheerleader thinks "a lot of people are just embarrassed to stand up and cheer and yell, they think they'll look stupid".

There are still those, like Tim O'Leary who say, they really don't care if they look stupid...especially not during Spirit Week. Spirit Week is that fun-filled, hectic week preceeding Homecoming, when days like, "Get Up and Go Day" can really be appreciated. Other dress-up days during Spirit Week include Hippie Day, Twins Day and Blue and Gold Day, each bringing in an interesting array of outfits from the students of Stafford. While some are a little leery of school spirit, others have little fear of going all out and showing more than just their share of Stafford spirit! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



Where's Your Spirit? Indian fans cheer around the fire at the annual bonfire before the big Homecoming game. Lisa Mendoza and Danny Pyle accompany cheerleaders, Christy Stoner and Aaron Prowitt and Danielle King and Brandon Ratliffe in a spirit-building cheer. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Action! Along the side, Missy Derr catches the pep rally on video. Pep rallies were great for building school spirit and getting the student body involved in cheering our teams! *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

"Fitness, its not just a test, its a way of life." For many students this may be a familiar phrase seen painted on the gym wall. Fitness, in some form or another, is something that is important to most students at Stafford. As put by Gerard Nelson "A finely toned body is an essential part of one's high school career."

Stafford's great athletic program provides many options for students wanting to keep in shape. Dustin Hood, a cross country runner explains why he runs by saying "I stay in shape so when I run I don't get anything less than 5th in states."

Stafford High School's athletic department is not the only way students wanting to get in shape stayed fit. Parks and Recreation, local gyms, the YMCA, and at home were all fitness programs outside of school. "I work out 3 times a week, take vitamins, get plenty of sleep and eat a well balanced diet in order to keep my massive manly body," said Chad Martin.

"I stay in shape so when girls ask me to take off my shirt, I can be proud of my muscular body," said Chris Holcomb. Whatever your physical routine or reason, whether it consists of making it to the refrigerator and back during commercials, or lifting weights, physical fitness is on everyone's mind. *story by Dacia Goldman*

Feeling the burn

and having fun while ...

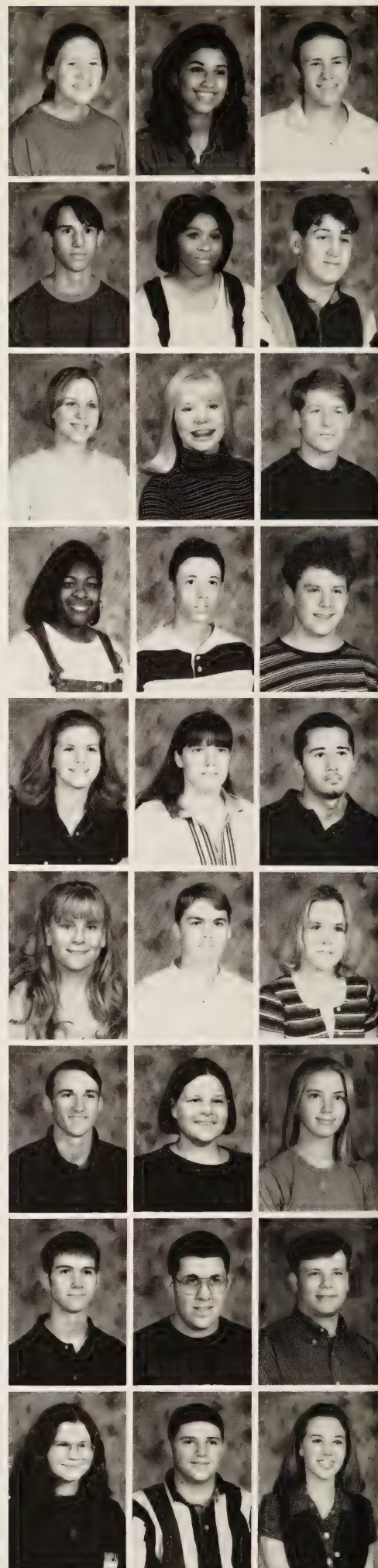
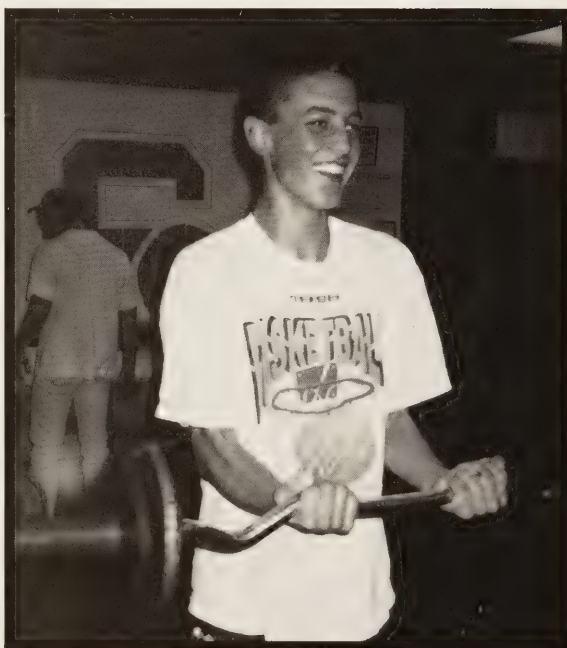
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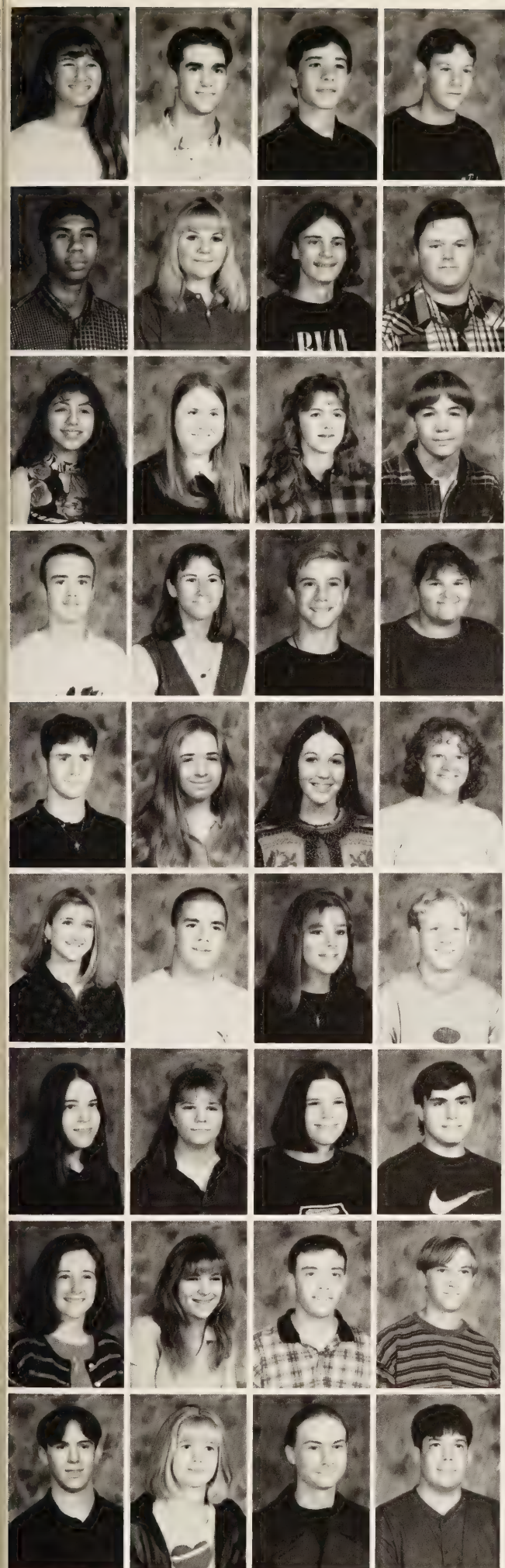


Hiyah!!!! Flying through the air, Lisa Stidham does a karate chop. Lisa was showing off her karate moves, which earned her third place in Nationals this summer. Lisa hopes to make it to the next Olympic games and chances are, we'll be seeing her there very soon.

Photo by Carol Smith.

Pumped up Not even straining to lift the weights, Brett Hurley smiles on. Keeping fit whether it be in school or out, was a main goal for many students at Stafford. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





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MELISSA CARTAGENA
AARON CARTER
KRISTY CARTER
JOSHUA CHAMBERLIN
STEVEN CHILDRESS
JOSHUA CHUMLEY

RAYMOND CLARK
INDIA CLEMONS
DUSTIN COLEMAN
CHRISTOPHER COLOMBEL
BONNIE COMBS
NATHANIEL COMPTON
KENTON CONLEE

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CARRIE COVERT
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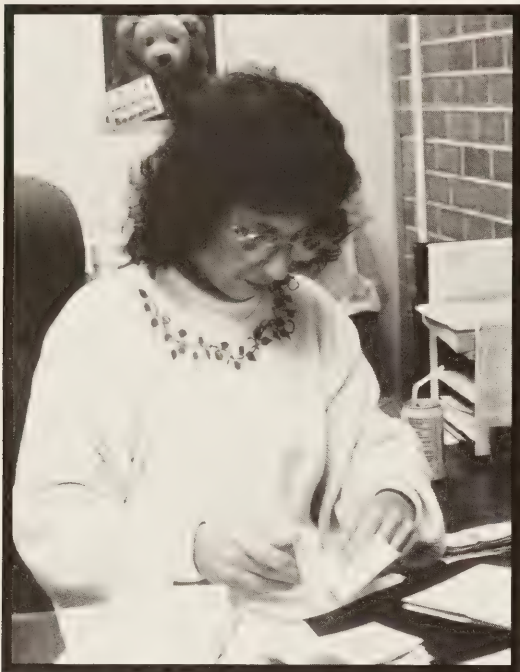
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Hoopin' it up Concentrating on the shot, Meagan Hanson stares at the hoop. To stay in shape for sports many student athletes took time out of their free time to practice. Practicing not only helped the students improve their skills but better prepared them for the courts. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



Dare Devil Trying a new trick, Jay Blevins does an ollie over stairs. Students often found skateboarding a reliever of stress from their busy schedules at Stafford High School. Skateboarding was only one of the many extracurricular activities students did to help them pass the time. *Photo by Wayne Blevins.*

All In A Day's Work Sorting through her papers, secretary Mrs. Woods works diligently. The job of secretaries was difficult when they had to try to make sense of all the different information they received. Luckily they did a good job and were able to keep everything basically organized. *Photo by Mr. Hughes.*



Hello? Answering phones in the office, Mrs. Keyser types information into the computer. She had to handle the many calls each day that came into the school. Her job could get busy when she had to try to sort out all of the information she received. *Photo by Mr. Hughes.*

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RANEE FETHERMAN
JOHN FINES
JAMIE FINNEY
ELIZABETH FORDHAM
TRAVIS FOSS

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KARI FREDETTE
TINA FRITTER
MEGAN FUGATE
SARA FURRY
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JUSTIN GALYEN

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Nurses, secretaries, and office workers

Behind the Scenes

Nurses, secretaries, and office workers, the unsung heroes of Stafford High School. Though their contributions to the school make a day without them seem unfathomable, they often go unnoticed. But all their hard work was appreciated by the students, though they might not have shown it. Mrs. Keyser played an important role in the office; answering the phone, taking messages, and basically keeping everything running smoothly while also being a SCA advisor. "Mrs. Keyser is beast. She is really fun and easy to get along with. She is also a really good (SCA) advisor," said Matt Donaldson.

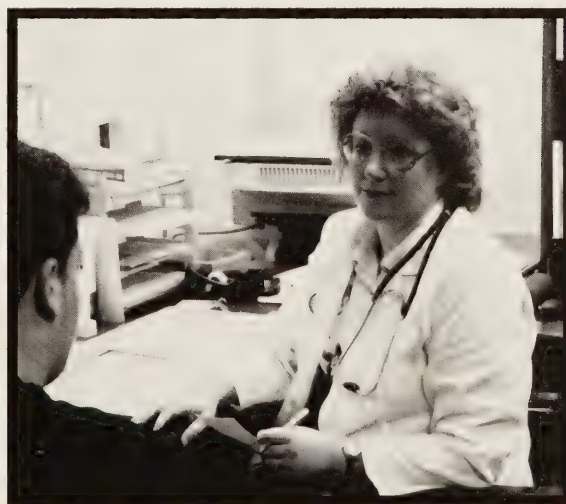
Stafford's nurse, Mrs. Thomas, also plays an important role in the everyday life of students. She had to handle anything from minor scratches to illnesses that could send students home from school. Sarah Hall said, "When I hurt myself the nurse fixed me. She was really fast because there were a lot of people waiting for her." And of course who can forget all the hard work the secretaries and attendance office workers put in. Everyday Mrs. Watts is bombarded with requests for early outs, which she must write out and deliver to the students. "I think they are all very intelligent and hardworking individuals," said Brian Knight. What is for sure is that without them life at Stafford would be a lot more difficult.

Story by Sara Philpott



Are You Talking To Me? Looking up from the computer screen, Mrs. Watts takes a short break from her work. As a worker in the attendance office, her job could get extremely hectic at times. Many late passes and early outs had to be written and delivered each period. Photo by Mr. Hughes.

All Better Checking on a patient, the school nurse, Mrs. Thomas, makes sure a student is healthy. When students weren't feeling well they knew they could always turn to her for help. She could treat anything from a minor scratch to a case of the flu Photo by Mr. Hughes.



When students enroll in elective classes, they are preparing to take on a class not required by the school to graduate, therefore it can be a different, better learning experience. Students are sometimes under the influence that taking an elective class means getting an easy A. This is not hardly the case. "I was anticipating that Marine Biology was gonna be easy, especially when I had an A at the first interim, but by the end of the first nine weeks my grade had fallen to a seventy-eight C", Angela Roberts sadly stated. Some of the electives like Physical Education come as a way to reminisce about the younger years when P.E. was a requirement. Jenny Connelly had these feelings, "P.E. is old school revisited, because I feel like I'm younger again, having P.E. as a class." Not only were students enrolled in electives, but also being a teacher or office aid was not uncommon. "I liked being an aid because it gave me a chance to better learn the school, and I could always roam the halls pretty freely," joked Rebecca Kimmitz. The aides provided as a huge helping hand to the teachers and office workers as they saved them the time of delivering passes and doing such things as feeding the fish in Mr. Brown's tanks, or cleaning Mr. Schrader's chemistry beakers. Aides and electives were a great way to break away from the normal English, Math, and History classes. *Story by Jesse Hanson*

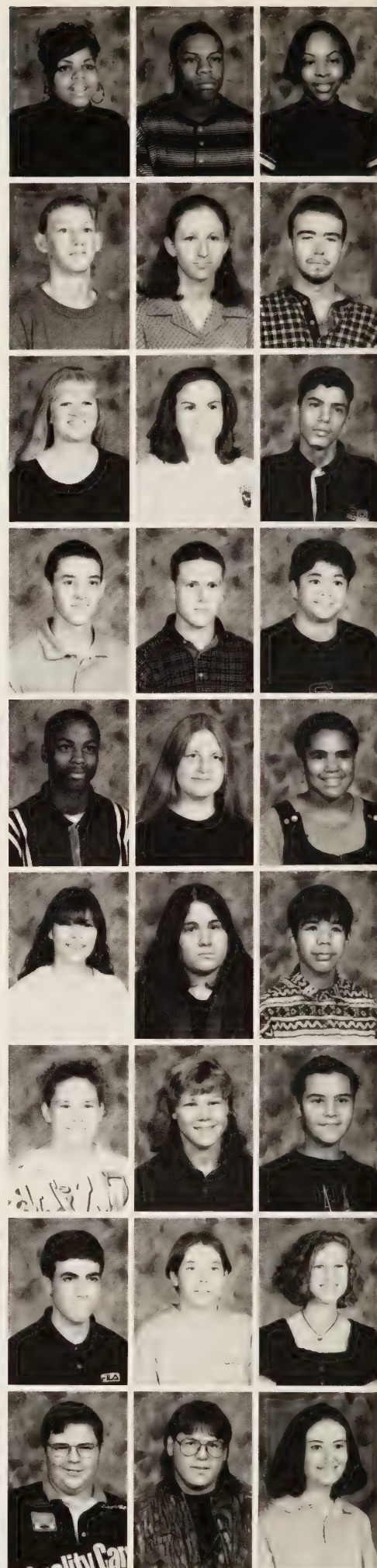
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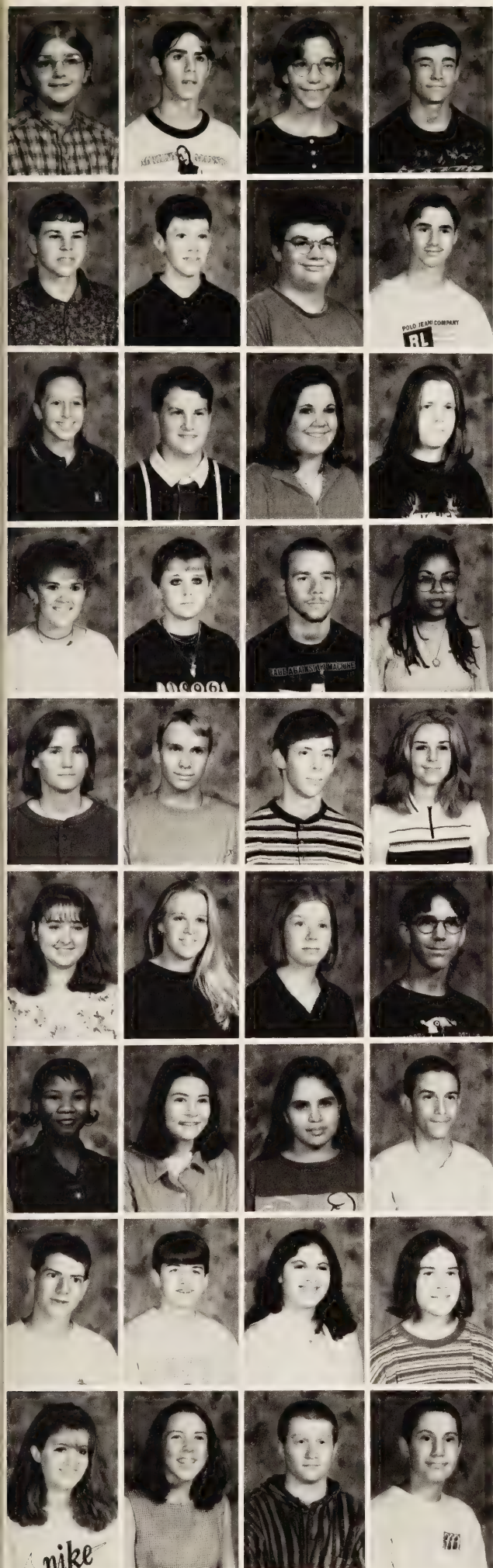
and Learning beyond the Limits

Choices

Check Mate

Reaching across the chess board, Jesse Kiss attempts to put his opponent in check mate. Chess is a game of supreme knowledge and experience which takes years of practice to master, all of which Mr. Ladmiralt has achieved. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*





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RON JOHNSON
TARYN JONES
JOSEPH KATZ
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MARY KEETON
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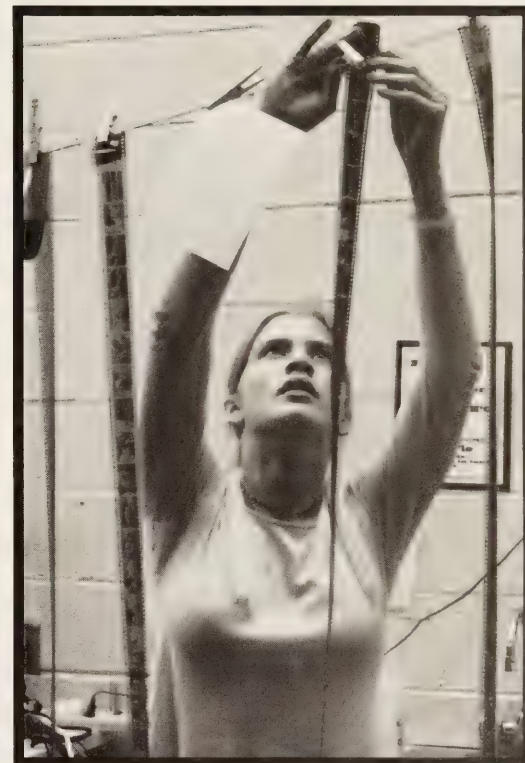
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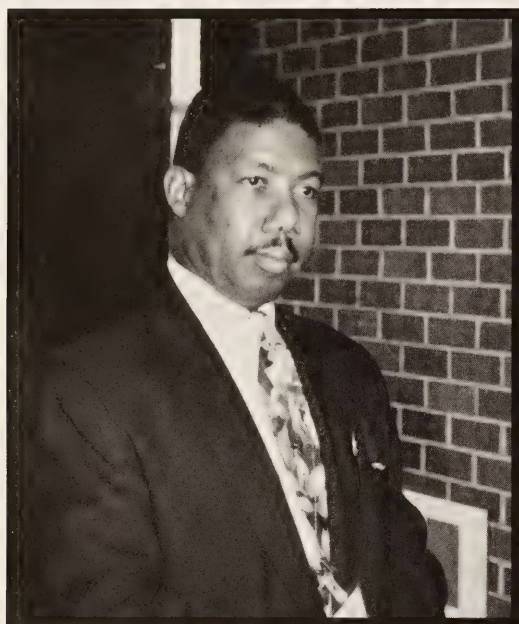
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Developing on High Arms stretched to maximum length, Jenn Stockdill utilizes her photojournalism skills to develop pictures for the yearbook. Not many students were aware that Stafford had a dark room, but everybody in photojournalism knew that it existed. *Photo By Mark Hughes.*



You Go Girl Strutting her stuff up on the stage, Adrienne Brown gives a lot of spunk to the musical "Personals". Adrienne provided the audience with non-stop laughs and chuckles due to her extremely funky performing style and happy-go-lucky personality. *Photo By Mark Hughes.*

Bond, James Bond The Stafford High version of 007 keeps a close eye on all events that occur throughout the year. Without the help of the security guards many problems at school would have gone unsolved. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*



More fries Ma'am Returning with yet another tray of delicious fries for the hungry population in the cafe one of the good cooking cafe workers keeps those fries coming. Lunch was a favorite class for all those students overcome with the munchies. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

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ANDREA NEIL
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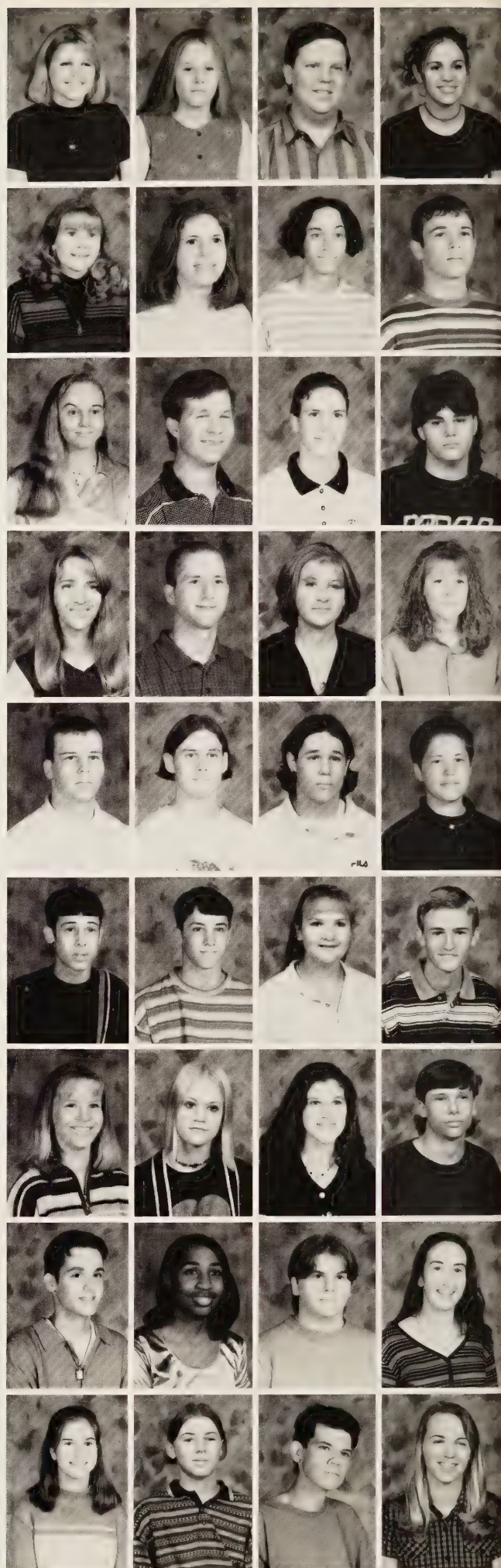
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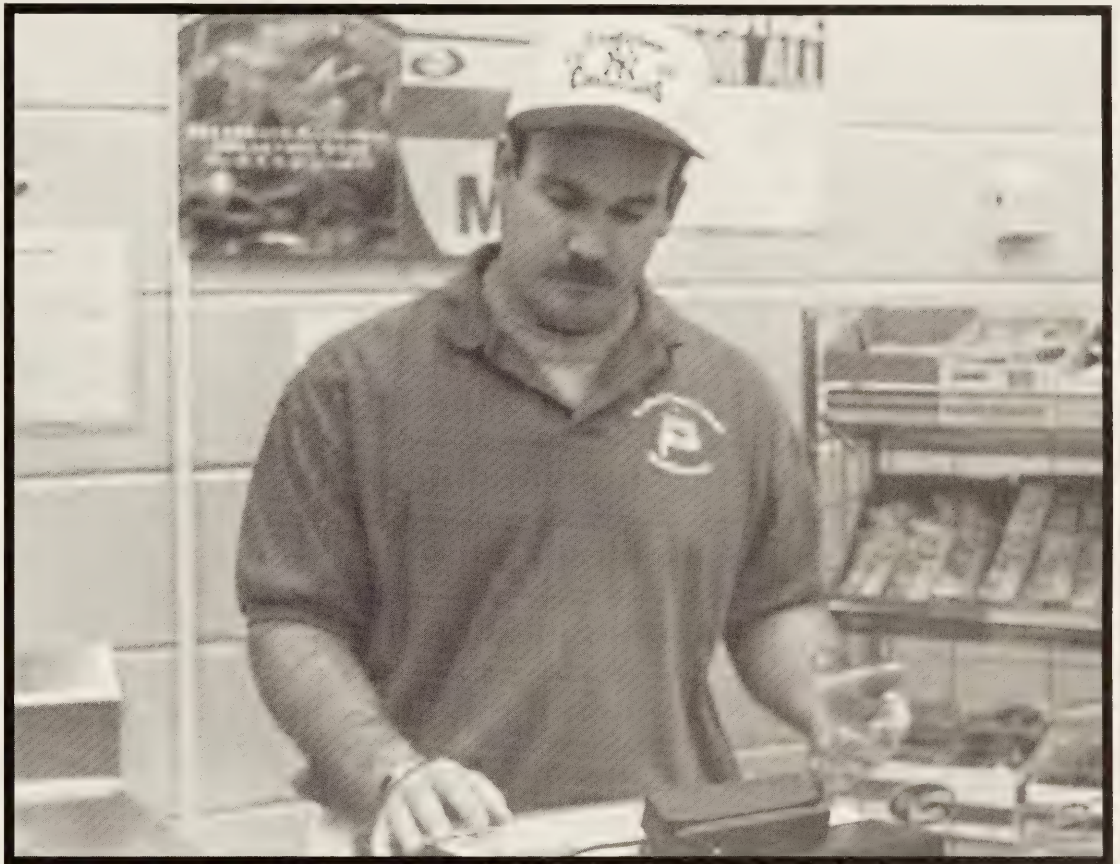


Cafe workers, janitors and security guards

Doing our job

"Clyde is my boy!" commented a very enthusiastic Coleman Tyson after joking with the security guard. Constantly throughout the year student life was made a success instead of a mess by the security guards, cafe workers and the janitors. Ranging from little spills to complete disasters everyone worked hard to keep life in order. A somewhat hungry William Keiner slyly said, "The fries were good, real real good." If it were not for the cafe workers careful preparation of our meals each day some other colorful description of the school food may have been more appropriate.

Duties ranging from breaking up fights, fixing lockers, leaks and squeaks to cleaning off tables and cooking up something good, all of the workers did an excellent job. Students depend on all these workers to make it through their daily routine. Another plus was the great personalities all workers show throughout the day talking and joking with students. Seeing students carrying on conversations with the workers was not an unusual sight. *Story by Sean L. Farmer*



Change Please Carefully counting the change Brian Keenan runs the register during the busy lunch shift. Many students waited in long crowded and loud lines to buy their lunch during the year, but none were ever short-changed. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*

What'll it be Pal Waiting ever so patiently, our hard working Marie Bowen prepares to serve up something tasty for lunch. Popular choices amongst the ever so hungry students for lunch were pizza and french fries. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Ah the infamous sophomore year. The year that creates so many significant memories. Julie Sullivan said "You're kind of in the middle. You're not a freshman but you're not a senior either." Sophomore year, although rarely insignificant compared to senior year, allowed students to prepare for the strenuous years ahead. There are special privileges, such as driver's ed. The excitement of gaining the freedom to drive adds spice to the dullness of a regular school day. Raneë Fetherman said, "It's cool." Sophomores appreciate no longer being the youngest members of the high school. "It's fun being able to push the freshman around like we were last year," said Justin Wiley. Another special feature of sophomore year is the chance of sophomore athletes to make varsity teams. "Becky Doyle and Amanda Evans [both sophomores] were an excellent asset to the team this year" said Kelly Combs, varsity field hockey player. Although there are those that feel sophomore year is insignificant, (Mardi Wright said "It's the same as freshman year") most feel it is indeed a special year in the journey through high school. *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*

The
greatest
days you will know

Sophomores



Schoolhouse Rock! Reviewing her vocabulary, Genny Scherrens prepared for the day's quiz. English teachers often assigned weekly vocab quizzes, that helped expand a students vocabulary. The words learned helped improve students SAT scores on the verbal section. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

And Hold - Two, Three, Four... While warming up for P.E., Amber Sullivan listens to her coach's instructions. Stretching before physical activities helped prevent injuries. P.E. enforced this idea in their teaching method. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*





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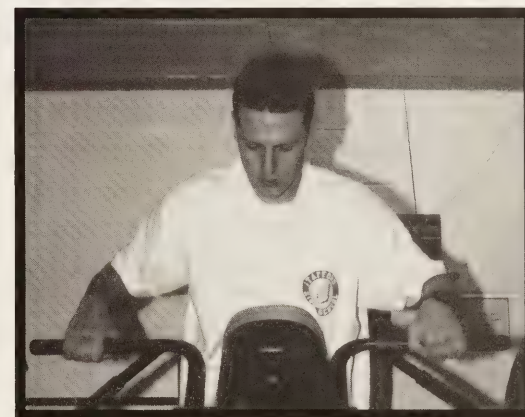
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"I Can Sing a Rainbow" Working on her project, Brittany Jennings paints her picture while Jacob Green watches. Art often used the medium of paint to teach students such elements as color hues, tints and contrasts. Though painting required concentration, the projects were often enjoyable.

Photo by Jessica Rose.



Pump it Up! Intent on building muscle, Chris Lonzo does a series of rows. Weightlifting was one of the activities taught in P.E. Students also weightlifted after school to beef up for sport teams. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*

Pizza Hanging out in Pizza Hut, Sean Farmer talks with Courtney Berry while waiting for their pizza. Many students would drop by the college Pizza Hut in the afternoon to relax and ease the pressures of school. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



Music, Music, and More Music. Hunting for that elusive compact disc, Paul Deal flips through the cd selection sported at Musicland. Music seemed to be one of the favorite things for people to spend their hard earned money on.

JASON TURCO
JENNIFER TUSCANY
CRYSTAL TUSSING
RACHAEL TUTTLE
JAMES TWEEDDALE

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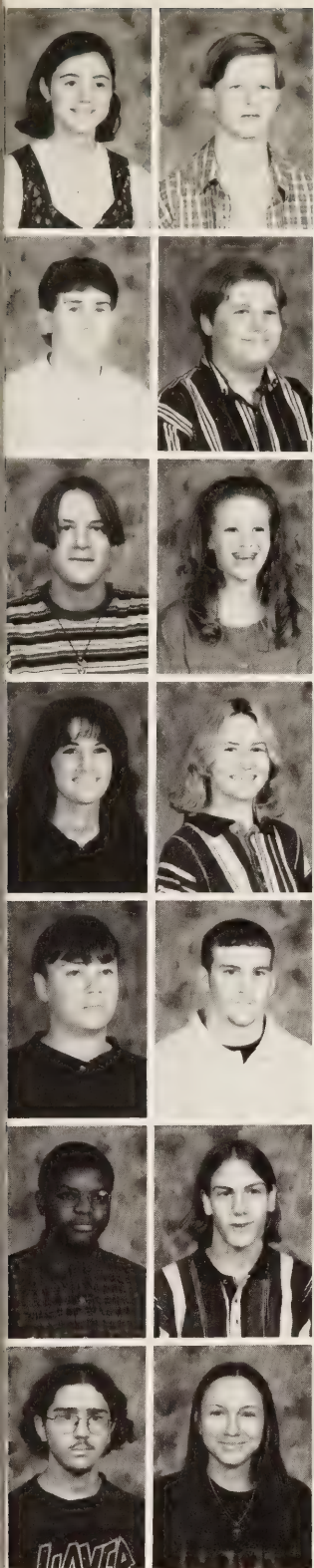
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THOMAS YONTS
ALEXIS YOUNG
DOMENICK ZACCHINI
BONNIE ZAIKO

MICHAEL ZARELLA JR.





Shopping
and
spending
money is
one of the favorite pass
time for students

Hard Cash

Of the multiple choices of places to spend money, favorites include Pentagon City, Potomac Mills, and of course the incomparable Spotsylvania Mall.

With the wonderful and ever classy Spotsylvania Mall a mere fifteen minutes from Stafford, those dedicated shoppers can fill their obsession for trading that greasy, grimy, green stuff (otherwise known as money, a.k.a. moohla, a.k.a. dough, a.k.a. the stuff that makes the world go around) for new clothes or music.

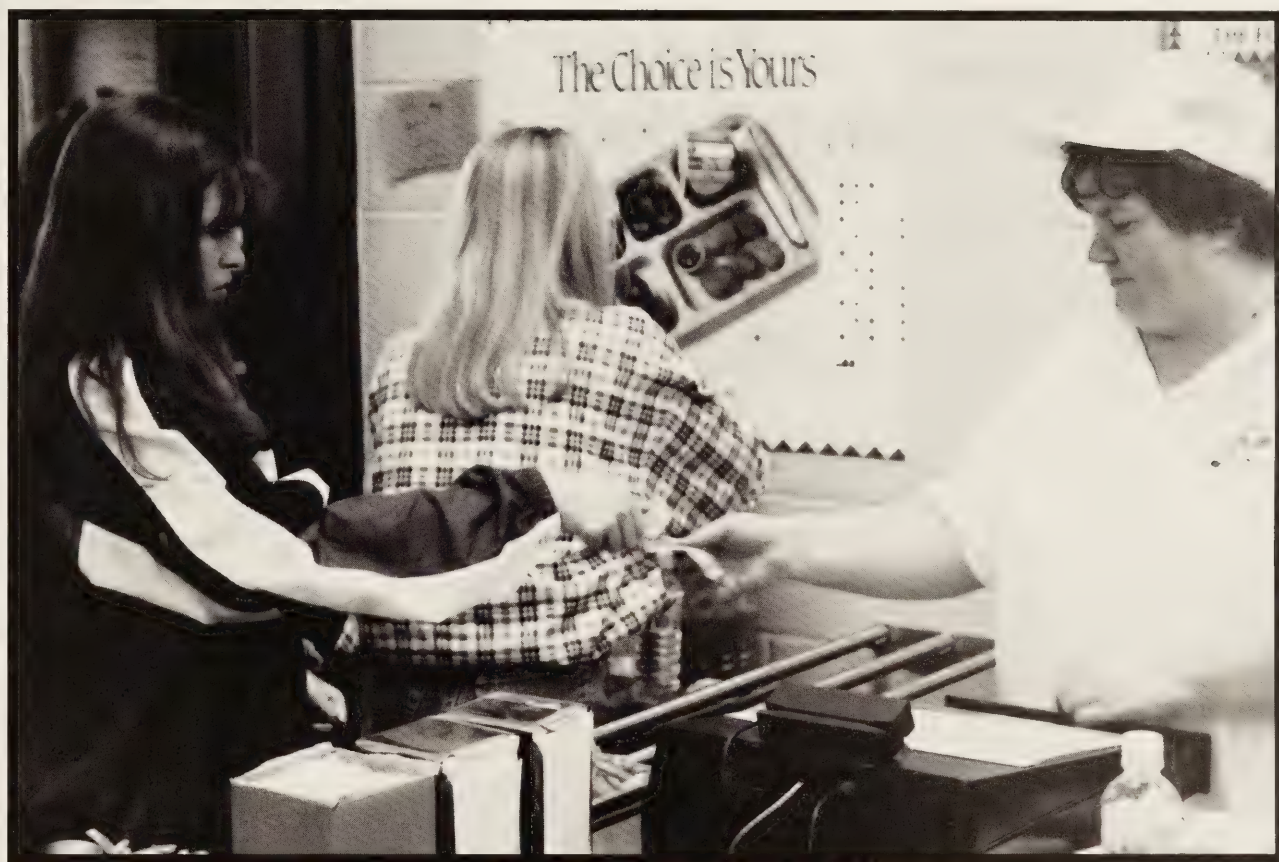
Sophomores Amy Parsons and Paul Neuman discuss the extravagant selection of the clothes sported by our local fashion haven (unfortunately it's not recent fashions) when they were discussing the best places to shop.

"My favorite place to shop in the mall is the Gap," said Amy Parsons.

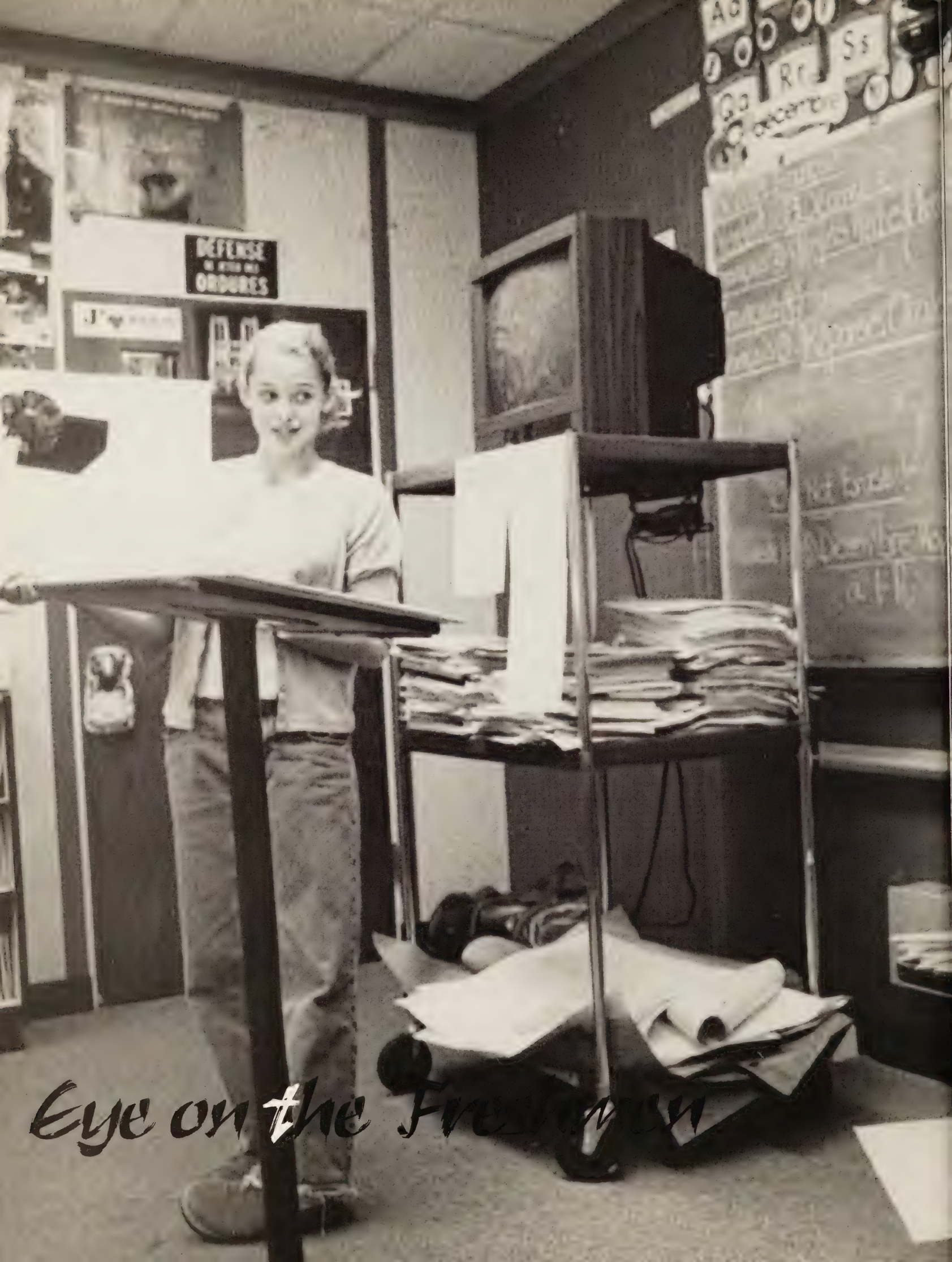
"NO WAY!! You gotta buy some big, baggy clothes from Wave Wreckers!" retorted Paul Neuman.

"I like to replace my wardrobe every other day. I have to shop whenever I can in order to waste my parents money," commented senior Heather Howe.

Most students seem to appreciate the presence of that big building that is supposed to be a mall, however for his own safety one student who asked not to be named described the mall as "only being good for keeping warm in the winter since you can't be outside." Perhaps shopping and spending money is not for every one, but even if you don't like to shop, you could at least escape the cold weather and bother the security guards. *Story by Mark Lutterbie*



Are we supposed to tip? Handing over her moohla to the cafeteria lady, Patti Hurlock spends her parents money on the exotic meals served in our cafeteria. Many students waited patiently (and some impatiently) to please their taste buds with the delicious lunch.

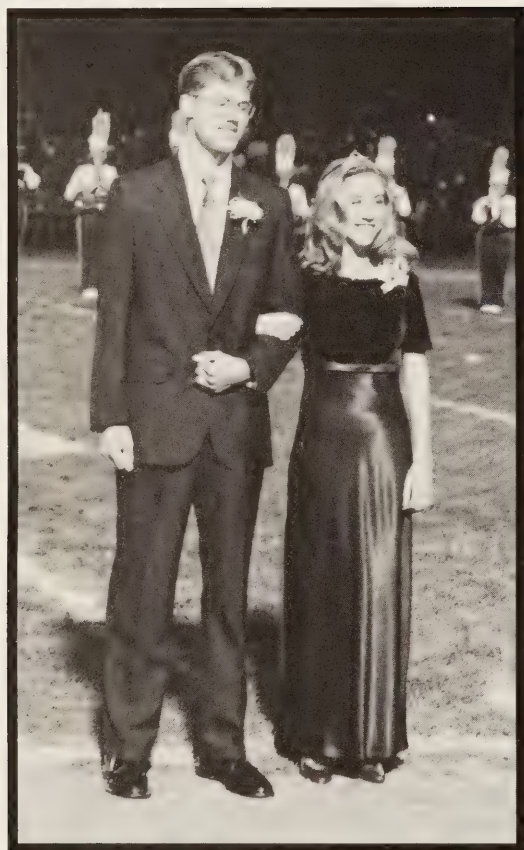


Eye on the Freshmen



A new school year, a new school. The class of 2000 entered Stafford High School on September 3, 1996 not knowing what to expect. Coming from middle school and being the oldest, they now had to transition into a new atmosphere and being the youngest in the school. The freshmen had to adjust to a new building, new teachers, and new friends. Combining Gayle Middle School and Drew Middle School, the students realized they were no longer "babies" but had to begin preparations for college and the real world. Oliver Goldman said "the first day was rough, but things slowly smoothed out and it's all cool now." Time was a major factor in the adjustment of the new class. They had to get used to the new routines and schedules they faced. Kevin Breen commented that "it's so different!" However, once past the initial shock, the freshmen proved their presence in the halls was not a nuisance, but a new vision for the future of 2000. *Story by Gina More.*





Sharing the Spotlight Living in the moment, Stephanie Trant and Jeff Cooper smile as the crowd cheers them on. The stadium was packed with students awaiting the announcement of the king and queen. Deciding on the royalty was one of the many student body activities during Spirit Week. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

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AMY ALLEN
JONI ALLEN
JASON ALTHOUSE
DANIELLE AMMENS
TRAVIS ANDERSON
STACY ANDREWS

JACK ARCHER
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KENNETH AUBREY, JR.
JAN AUGUSTINE
COREY AULS
BOBBIE AUSTIN
MICHAEL AXTMAN

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TRACEY BEARD
APRIL BEARDSLEE
CATHERINE BEHM

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ERIK BRITO
BRANDON BROOKER
ASHLEY BROOKS

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SARAH BRYANT
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REBECCA BURIAN
BETHANY BURNS





Freshmen make the change to high school.

First Impression

The big step up... high school. With the horror stories and rumors heard about high school, it could be expected for freshman to feel a little intimidation. The first few days, the underclassman were found wondering the halls wide eyed, looking for their classes—daring to ask one of the taller kids for directions. "Third floor, next to the pool," was the expected answer.

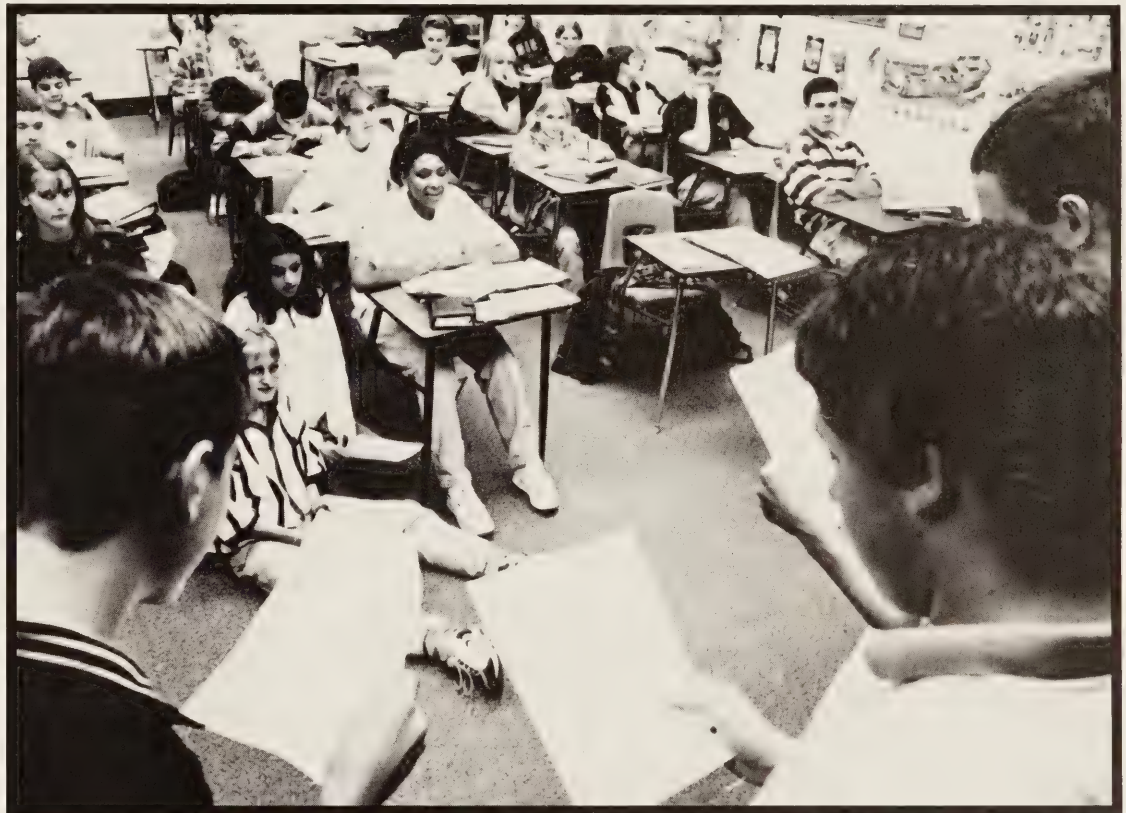
It seemed that either freshman were completely comfortable, or extremely nervous. "I wasn't really nervous about coming to high school," said Kyle Gribb. "I knew a lot of upperclassman, so it wasn't like I was

going into a place full of strangers," he added.

New grading scales, the bigger campus, study halls, and a wider world of sports were just a few of the adjustments freshman had to get used to. "High school was a big change, but I didn't let it bother me. I guess since my brother went here, I was used to the stories," stated Pete Oakman.

After-game dances during football season seemed to be one of the few welcomed changes. It gave students a chance to catch up with friends they may have lost touch with when high school began. They danced and conversed with friends and strangers alike, and in many cases, went home with a few new friends.

Fortunately, freshman caught on to the ways of high school within the first couple of weeks. With the new feelings of entrapment, since there are no windows, they really didn't have much of a choice. *Story by Danielle King.*



Learning Environment The pressure was on as Coleman Tyson, Tyler Horne, and Garrett Green present to the class while Marchellani Ingram pays close attention. Often foreign language classes expressed their knowledge through oral presentations. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Ooops Working on her poster, Melissa Peretich makes corrections on her project. Students spent the year expressing their creativity in a number of ways. Projects were common assignments given by teachers to show what their kids had learned. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*

We all remember it, but few of us have any desire to turn back time. First day. Freshmen year. By far this is one of the scariest days of one's entire youth. High school is new and exciting, but it's not always easy. This year's freshmen seemed to have settled in well, but what embarrassing moments were encountered in this adjustment process? "Well, tripping up the stairs and watching my books fly out of my hands was pretty embarrassing," said Chris Downing.

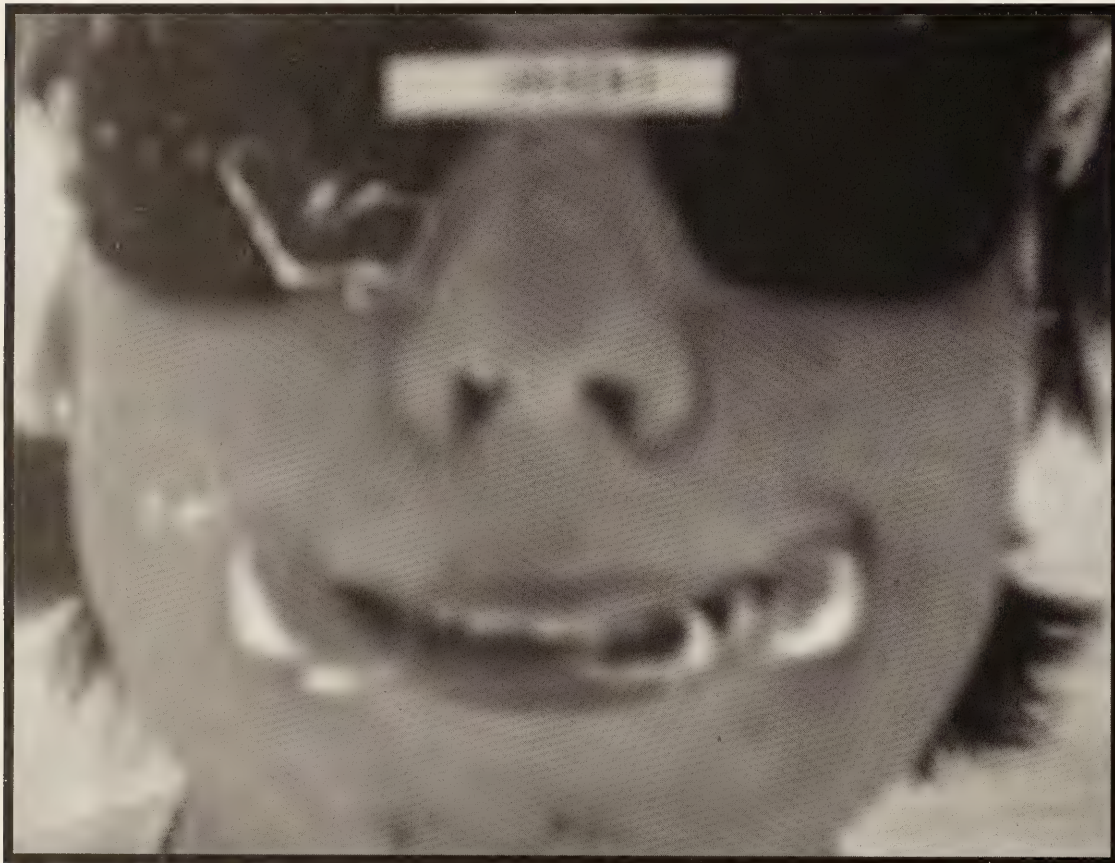
High school is definitely different and it can be hard to get used to the changes. Bobbi Decatur was really embarrassed on the first day of school when the bell rang in first period and she was still sitting in her seat. "In middle school," she said, "we had to wait for the teacher to dismiss us."

Most of these changes are much appreciated though, "now we get to leave as soon as the bell rings, whether the teacher's done teaching or not," added Bobbi.

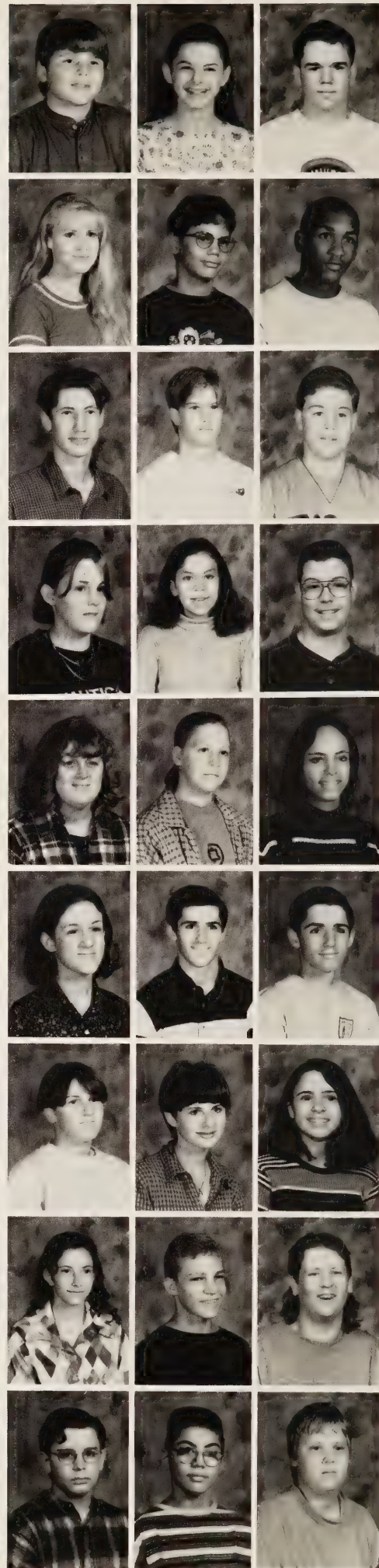
Along with being a freshmen, comes the common scenario of wanting to look "cool" in front of the upperclassmen. Steven Love, who played for the freshmen football team, shared one of his embarrassing moments. "We were practicing and the J.V. and varsity were watching so I really didn't want to look stupid, someone threw the ball to me and I dropped it, everyone started laughing." Whether just trying to find first period, or wanting to look cool, everyone remembers the trials and traumas of their freshmen year, but we all survive and remember it fondly, or we try to forget it all together! Congratulations freshmen, you made it through! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*

Sometimes
it can be
Humiliating
to be a Freshmen.

Red in the Face



Goofing Off Dennis Carmody poses for his own picture... under water! Who could resist a summer vacation in Mexico before returning to school? Vacation time was the perfect opportunity for goofing off and just having fun. *Photo by Dennis Carmody.*





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DANA CANTRELL
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DARRON CARTER
GREGORY CARTER
KATHERINE CARTER
RUBEN CARVAJAL
WILLIAM CARY, III
DAPHNE CASHION

MATTHEW CATALANO
DENNIS CATRETT
GEORGE (JAKE) CHAMBERS
CORY CHEEK
HEATHER CHERRICO
CATHERINE CHILDS
RYAN CHILDS
DUSTIN CHITTUM

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SARAH CLINE
KEVIN COGLEY
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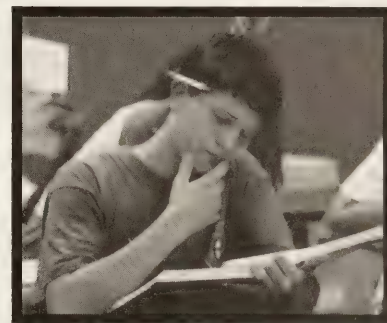
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JORDAN EAMES
JOSHUA EARLY

Bunny Ears Posing for the camera, Joe Stanley is caught in an embarrassing moment during class. Obviously, Joe's fellow classmate wasn't as deep in thought as Jason was! The high school experience just wouldn't be the same if it wasn't for the pranks of that most annoying classmate! *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Smilin' Pretty Mrs. Wheelbarger and her basketball players, Becky Doyal and Liz Campbell enjoy a moment in the spotlight during basketball camp at UNC during the summer. It was hard to get a moment in between the hard work of camp. They managed to find some time to just have fun and enjoy themselves. *Photo by Jackie Davis.*

A Group of Smiles

Enjoying their lunch break, outside on an Indian summer day, Stephanie Musselman sits on the shoulders of Jack Archer, while Toni Thompson, Jenifer Hayhurst, and Jay Blevins smile at the camera. With so few windows on the second floor, lunch was a good time to get out in the fresh air. *Photo by*

Janean Neal.



What a cute

baby-face! Looking into his eyes, Katie Ruffatto grins at Ben Parsons. Couples were a common sight around the halls of Stafford High School, holding hands or walking together. However beware if you got caught, doing anything more it could be subject for suspension.

Photo by Jessica Rose.

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Making new friends in the a new school

New Friends

Making new friends...it may sound like an easy task but for a lot of people it's not. Imagine being in a new school with new people, and having five minutes to get to a place one has no clue where it is...Welcome to a day in the life of a freshman or a new student. For those who were new it's either make new friend and get to know other people or sit alone. Jesse Kitts said

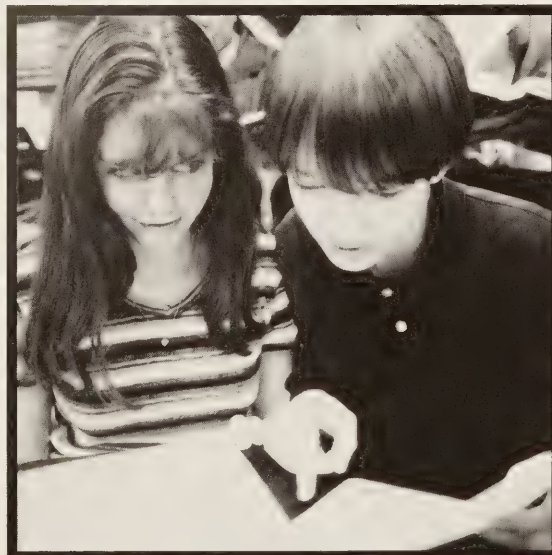
he got to know people by "bumping into them in the crowded halls and then just talking to them." People kept the friends they had before but as Lindsay Diebold recalled "its more fun to get to know new people." Another way to make friends was to follow the example of Brandon Doyle who "made friends from my brother, Robert Doyle, who introduced me to his friends."

There were many clubs and after school activities in which one could make new friends. A lot of people made new friends because it was a necessity unless one wanted to be alone. "I made friends on cross country because all the guys were pretty nice and we were all kinda struggling through it together," said Kevin Breen. Oliver Goldman remarked "It was nice making new friends at soccer intermurals." The truth about friends is that it makes the world go round. Without making friends one would be very lonely. All in all, making a new friend is worth the effort.

Story by Dacia Goldman.



Fresh Air! Talking during their lunch break, Charlene Smith and Stacey Andrews lean on the brick wall overlooking the lake. On the few Indian Summer days we had, students tried to take advantage of the warmth and fresh air. *Photo by Carol Smith.*



Learn and love Helping her with her math, Gary Mellet assists his girlfriend, Sarah. School was a place where the teachers weren't the only people who could offer their help. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*

While most freshmen lacked their own forms of transportation, they still were able to find ways to have fun. One of the most popular ways to enjoy themselves was to go to the dances in the cafeteria after the home football games. The charge for admission was two dollars for several hours of dancing and music. For many it was simply a good time to get together with friends outside of school and to hang out. Bobbi Decatur said, "I liked going to the dances to see all of my friends and to just talk." For some freshmen these were their first big dances in high school. They were often a very big change from the smaller middle school dances they were used to.

The main complaint at the dances was the choice of music. It was hard for the DJ's to please everyone, especially considering Stafford students' wide choice of music. "When I went I was dancing and having fun, but there weren't enough slow songs. The music was kind of old, but the guys looked good," said Megan Hansen. Some people felt songs were overplayed, such as the Jay Underwood. He simply stated that, "I hate the macerana." Despite the disagreements, many freshmen still chose to attend the dances and had a good time. *Story by Sara Philpott*

Dancing the night away in the Cafeteria

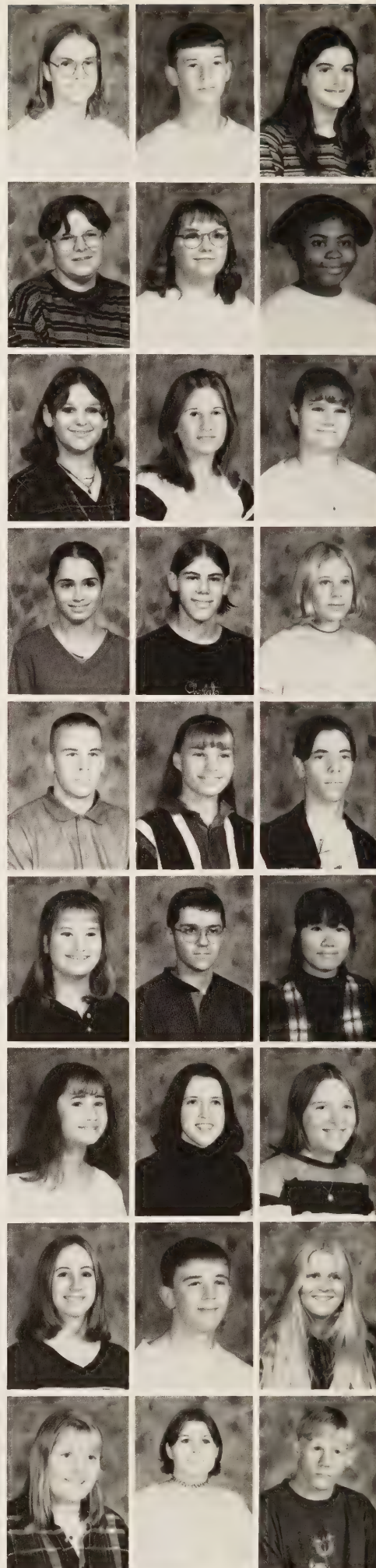
Bustin' a Move



Smile For The Camera Talking to a friend, Jamie Owens dances with her date who attended another school. Many students were dating people from other schools and brought them to the Stafford Homecoming. This gave students a chance to meet new people.

Photo by Lifetouch.

What A Night! Taking a break from the action of Homecoming, Drew Penny and Brittany Wood sit down with their friends. Homecoming was an exciting time for students. It offered them a chance to get dressed up and socialize with friends. *Photo by Lifetouch.*





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ERIN HUGHES
CARRIE HUTCHINSON
CARA HYNDEN
JESSICA IRVIN
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ANDREW JARNECKE
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BRANDON JENNINGS
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CORY JOHNSON
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BRYAN KERSTETTER

LOUISE KHALILI
MARK KIMBRELL
ELIZABETH KINCAID
ROBERT KING
SHERRY KING
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KAMILAH KITTRELL
JESSE KITTS

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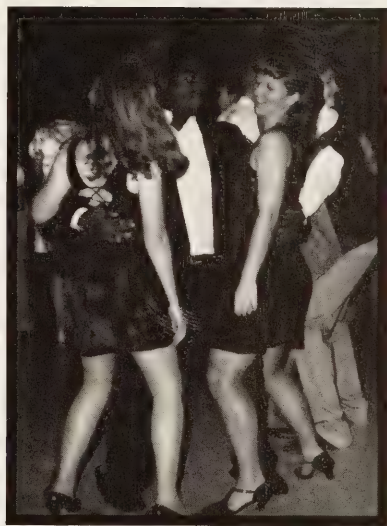
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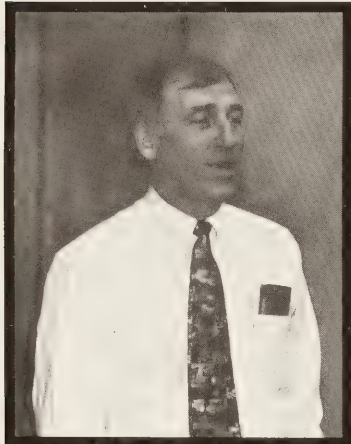
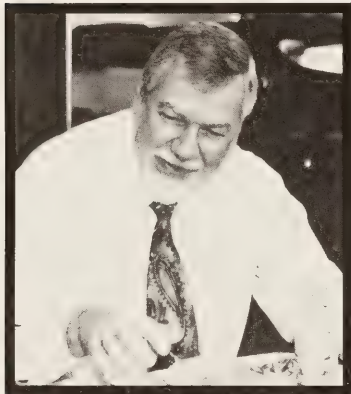
The Dance Listening to the music, Matt Montairo dances with his date Megan Grigsby. Homecoming could be a chance for romance and new relationships to blossom. No matter what the outcome was, it always promised to be a night to remember. *Photo by Lifetouch.*



Double the Fun Enjoying the Homecoming dance, Cory Williams dances with Christie Abel and Steffany Sellar. Friends would often swap dates during dances to get a chance to talk to different people. The dances were usually upbeat and gave students a chance to strut their stuff. *Photo by Lifetouch.*

Principals Have Fun Too Enjoying a good laugh, Mr. Pugh shares his thoughts with Coach Penny during their lunch break. It was easy to tell that Mr. Pugh was well educated in health knowledge by his choice of pure, natural spring water as his beverage.

Photo by Ben Malay.



Get to Work! In between Classes, Mr. Trant and Mr. Driver chat outside the English Department. Principals and teachers were not always hard at work, there is always time to catch up on current gossip, even for the faculty. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

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MICHAEL MAYDEN
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KAREN MCGILLICUDDY
HEATHER MCGINNESS
JOHN MCMURRAY
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WILLNETT MICKENS
LINDSEY MILEY
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DANIEL MILLER
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RICHARD MOORE, JR.
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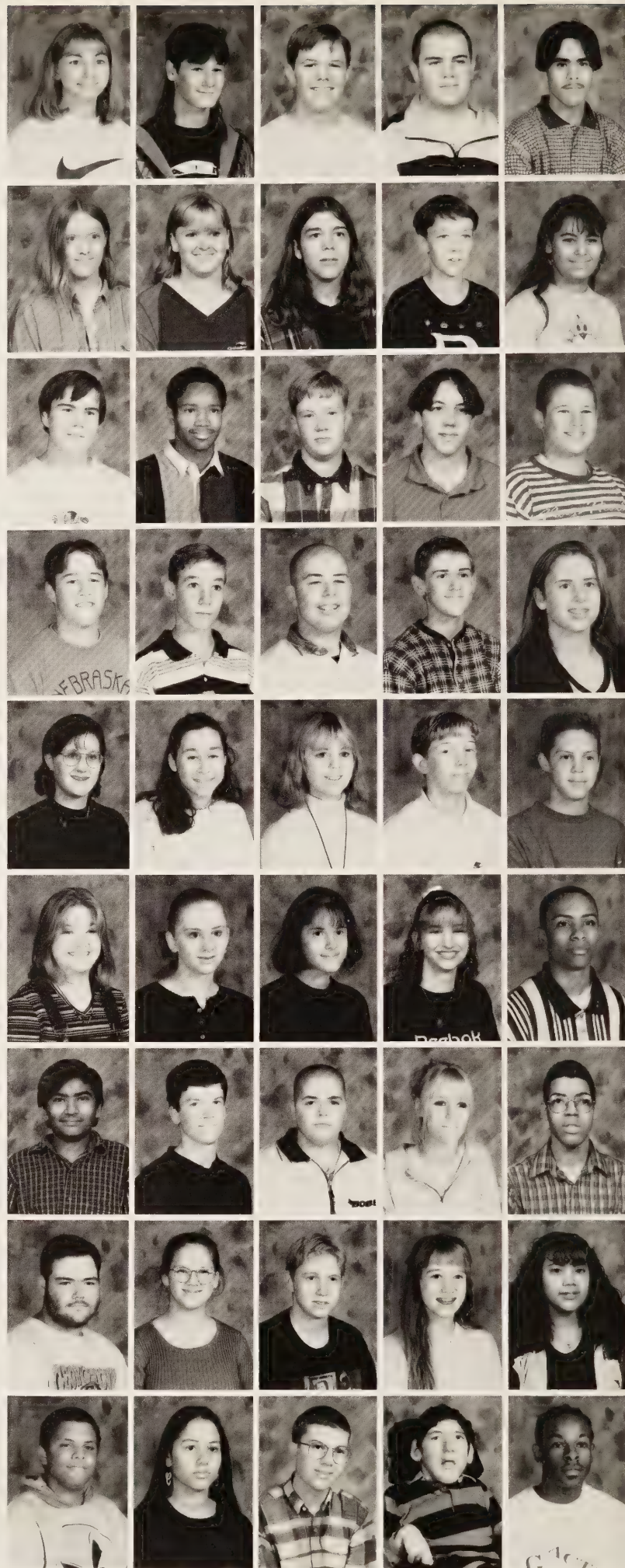
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SHAWN POSEY
WESLEY POULIOT

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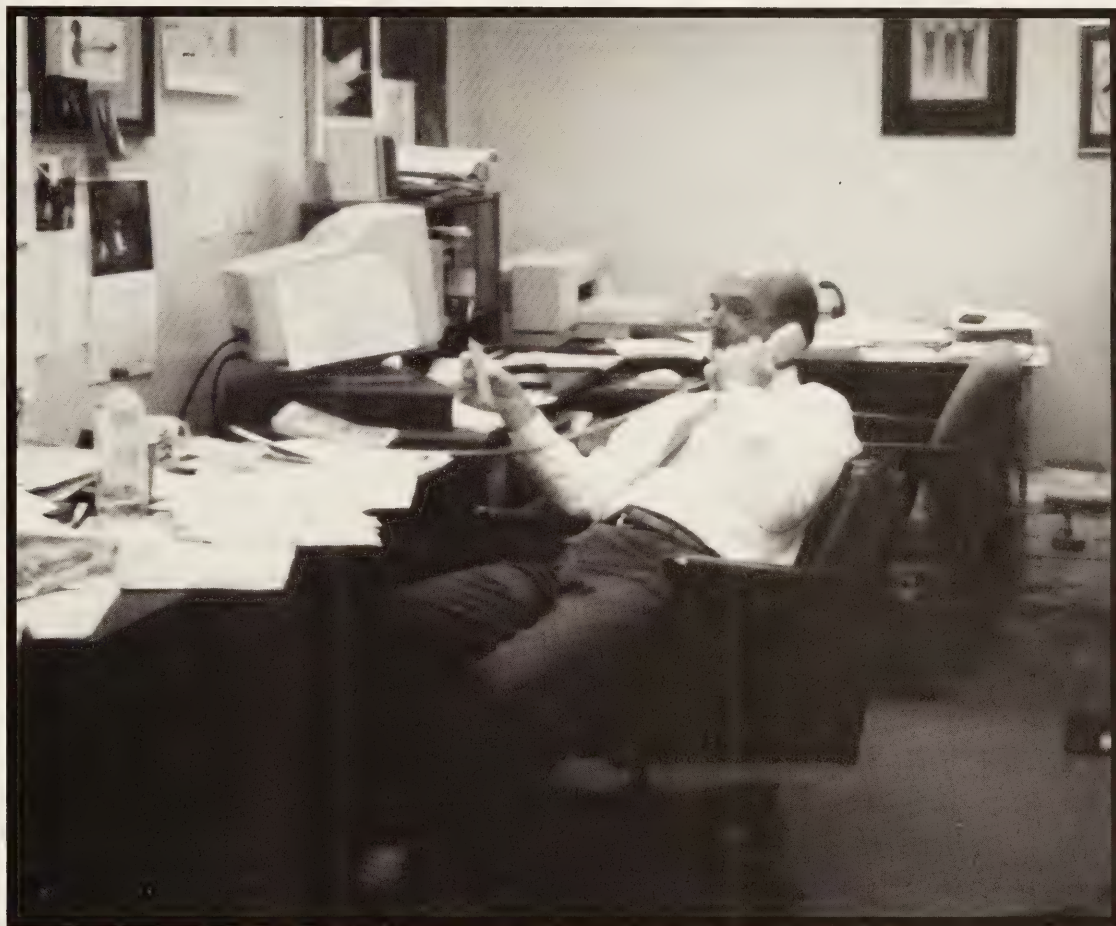




Principals and those Darn Detentions *Indian Chiefs*

One of students least favorite after school activities is detention. But it is a necessary evil in our school system. As Mr. Blalock states, "Detention should serve as a thinking time for students who have displayed inappropriate behavior." Some students consider it almost a fortunate occurrence; like Meleana Kala who said. "Detention is the only way I can ever get my homework done, since I have nothing else to do." Richard Greenlaw displayed his displeasure for detention when he exclaimed, "I hate it, because it interferes with my extra curricular activities, like weaving baskets." Not everyone shares this opinion, for instance, Mr. G. Brown, happily chuckled, "Detention is a reward for those who deserve it, and I have a Ph.D. in the field."

Principals might not always seem like "pals" to the students, but as Mr. Wray points out, "Students should realize that principals have, as their chief concern, the welfare of the students." Assistant Principle Mike Trant loves his position, but there a few aspects of it he doesn't particularly enjoy. "I don't like how I have to keep seeing the same kids again and again. I wish I had more time to spend with the students meeting the expectations," stated Mr. Trant. *Story by Jesse Hanson*



Gabbing on the Phone Lounging in his semi-organized office, Mr. Price has one ear glued to the phone as he discusses the situation of a particular student. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

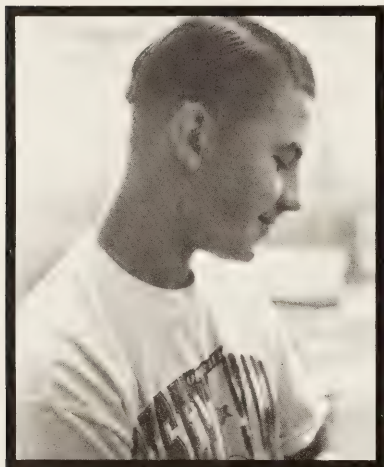


Munch, Munch, Munch! With walkie-talkie nearby, Mr. Strickler took time from his busy day to enjoy a delicious school-cooked meal of fries and spaghetti. I wonder if he got a discount since he's a principal or did he have to pay \$1.35? *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Coming from different areas, regions, countries, and corners of the world. Foreign exchange was as much of a way of life at Stafford as everything else that went on. "I think they are all very interesting" explained Amy Cascio. Looking somewhat lost and confused the new students make their way down the hallway. Rodney Newton stated simply, "I have a hard time understanding them." Walking around with a look of mystery and the willingness to learn and try to fit in, along with having a good time. Kim Ulrich said, "Foreign exchange is a good thing because they get to experience a whole new life style and we get to somewhat experience theirs." They were constantly learning new ways of life during the day. Apparently not everyone enjoyed their stay at Stafford for example Takada Makiko. Yet before she left she said, "School is okay and I guess I'm having a good time here." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

New students try to figure things out

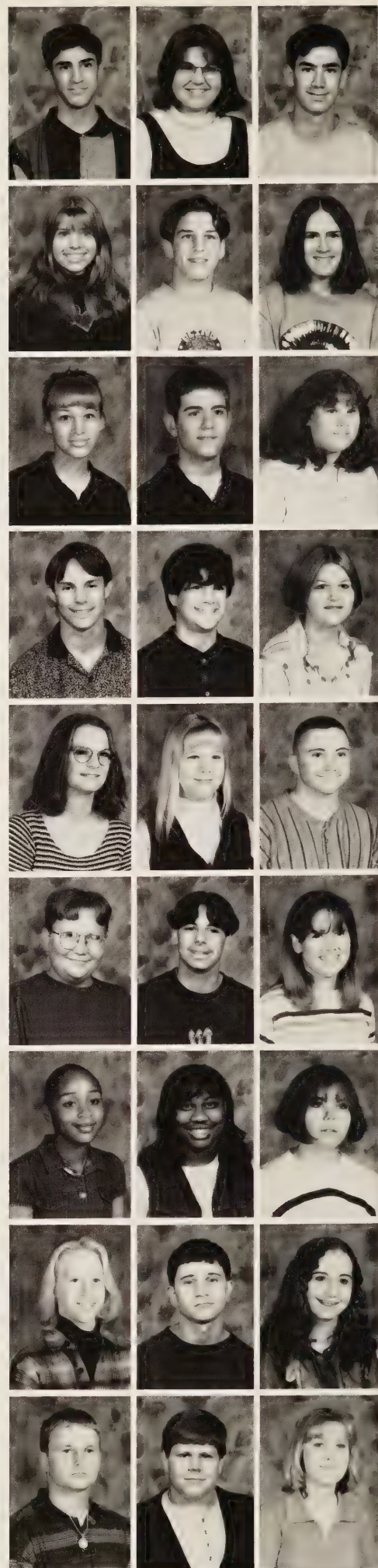
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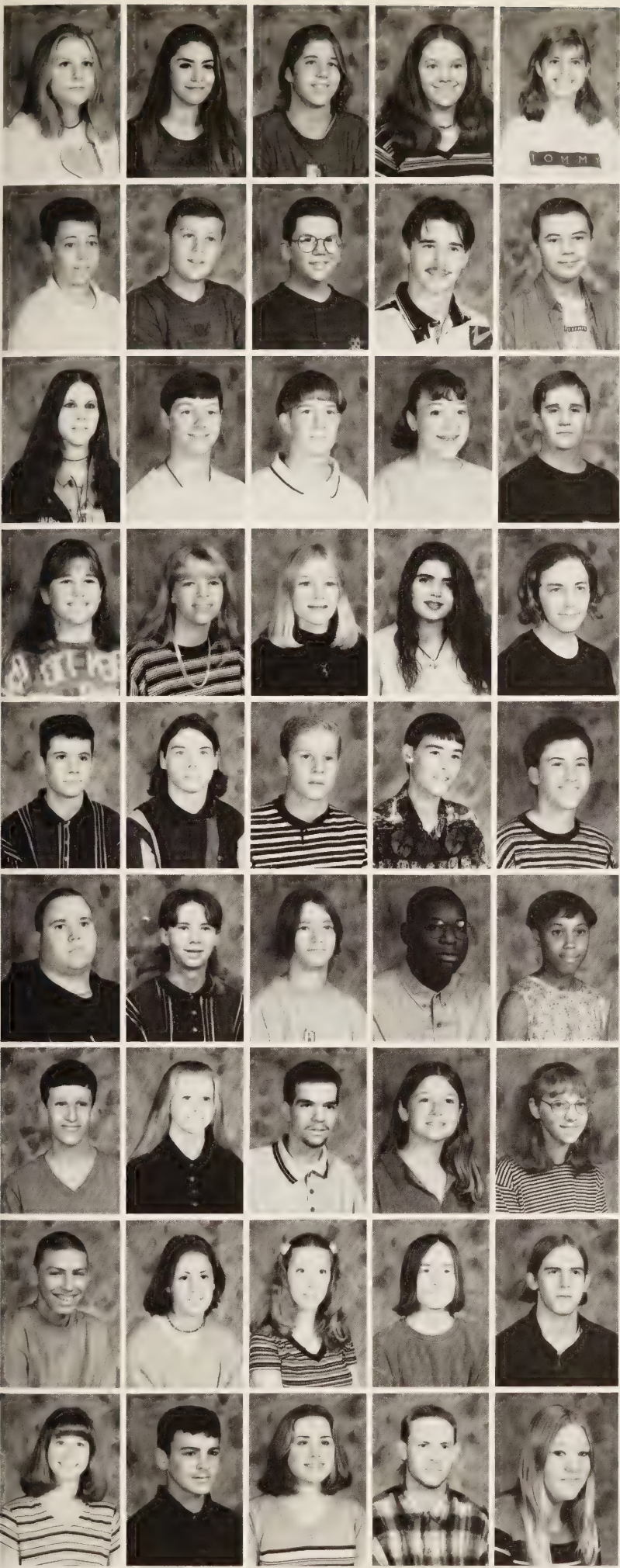


Shy Guy Unknowingly posing for the camera foreign exchange student Victor Romanenko looks onward into another exciting day. Victor was one of the foreign exchange students from Russia. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Happy Days Simply happy to be hanging around, Takada Makiko takes in the view as she passes time. Many students were caught up in all the fun to be offered at school. *Photo by Janean Neal.*





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ANGELA RICKARD
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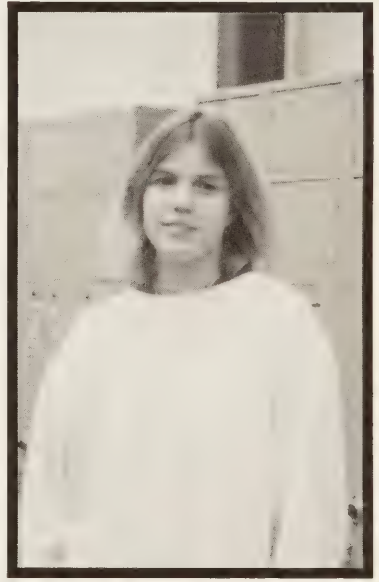
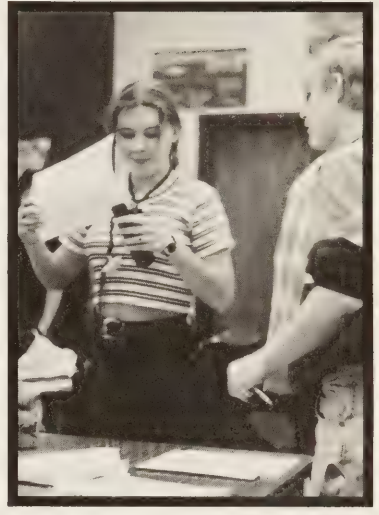
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REBECCA SULSER
AMANDA SUMMERS
JEFFERY SWIDRAK
RACHAEL TARNAI
BUCKY TAYLOR
JULIA TAYLOR

What's Next! Finishing up on a strenuous assignment, Elena Romanenko chats with one of her new friends she made at school. Elena found it easy to survive in the life of the Stafford High crowd. *Photo by Carol Smith.*



An EMPTY Hallway! Somewhat dazed and confused Claudia Schibli looks on in awe, trying to imagine the chaos the bell will bring at the sound of its ring. Crowded hallways were an evil omen faced by everybody at Stafford. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Hi-ho, hi-ho... Diligently taking notes, Meagan Hanson works hard in her World Geography class. Students often obtained necessary information through note taking. This method was both effective and enjoyable.

Photo by Bryan Ennis.



Gotta get my Groove on! Singing along with the song, Christina Cushing, Jessica Player and Sara Hatcher groove to the beat on the freshman float. The freshman built an elaborate papier mache train, to go with their theme song, "Come on Ride It" by the Quad City DJs. Unfortunately, they were once again beat out by the seniors in the float contest. *Photo by Carol Smith*

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MATTHEW TAYLOR
JOSEPH TAYLOR III
TANYA THACKER
BROOKS THOMAS
LISA THOMAS
BRIAN THOMPSON
JOSHUA THOMPSON

ARIANA THORPE
TIFFANY TIMMONS
KEVIN TOBEY
DENNIS TOOMBS
STEPHANIE TRANT
DAVID TRINH
KELLY TURCO
STEWART TURNER

DAVID TUSCANY
MATTHEW TYLER
JAY UNDERWOOD
JOSEPH UPP
ANDREA VARGA
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SAMUEL VEGAS
CHRISTOPHER WALL

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BRANDON YONTS
TIMOTHY YORK
DIANA YOUNG
AMANDA ZAWORA
NICOLE ZWILENEFF





It's a Big
World and
we're making our
mark.

Life in high school

Infamous freshman year, new school, more people, and (ugh) mean upperclassmen. Many students become confused, having to adjust to all the changes. One of the most obvious changes was the amazing increase of population. This year was especially troublesome in that aspect. However, the freshman this year were able to cope just fine. Actually, they kind of enjoyed the influx. Lindsey Diebold said that, "It's nice that there are more people, because you don't hear stupid gossip about people you don't care about." The affluent amount of students also meant making new friends. Andrew Jarnecke said, "The best part of high school is meeting new people."

High school is a step up from the world of middle school. Students are more respected. They are treated as mature, independent people as opposed to childish individuals. "You're given more freedom," Sarah Cline added.

The structure of high school is different than that of middle school. There are more class periods, more chances for freshman to experience the pleasures of new found knowledge. "I like how there is more time between classes," Brandon Doyle commented. The five minute break gave freshman a chance to socialize and relax before the next session of enlightenment. After school, a variety of extracurricular activities added to the new choices that faced them. Allison Rose said "I love how many choices you have for after school activities. It really gives you a chance to experience exiting, new things." These activities included sports, cheerleading, drill team, and numerous clubs.

Freshman year was an opening to a new world of possibilities. Students face an influx of opportunities and choices. This year's freshman took advantage of these and used them to make their mark on the world. *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*



"Ars Gratia Artis" Drawing intently, Melanie Biscoe, Sam Hall, Mike Denning, Hannah Nielson and Rebecca Washburn work on their latest art assignment. They had to do a contour line drawing of a branch brought in by their teacher, Mrs. Rachel Sigler. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Spooky. Concentrating on the pattern, Erin works with Jimmy to cut out the Jack-O-Lantern's face, while Shelli Spoon prepares hers in the background. This fun class activity helped pass the time before Halloween night. *Photo by Derek Fults.*

What would life at Stafford High be like without the presence of administrators, teacher, counselors, or secretaries? Although some students may enjoy the reign of chaos and destruction that would most likely ensue at our hands, most would be lost without the expert guidance of these dedicated individuals.

The hard working task force of our faculty kept our illustrious school a well oiled machine that just kept going, and going, and going, and going, and going, and going, and going... sorry, I got a little carried away. Doing a great job, those members of the faculty are often under appreciated for all the tedious work they put into each wonderful day we spend at our favorite place, Stafford High. Would you like to stare aimlessly at attendance records twenty four hours a day, seven days a week? Thanks to those people in attendance.

"The students don't realize how hard we [the faculty] have to work in order to get everyone the classes that they want and the schedules that best suit them," said guidance counselor Ms. Patrica Lawrence. Despite this lack of understanding, most students and teachers formed a loving and harmonious relationship with one another.

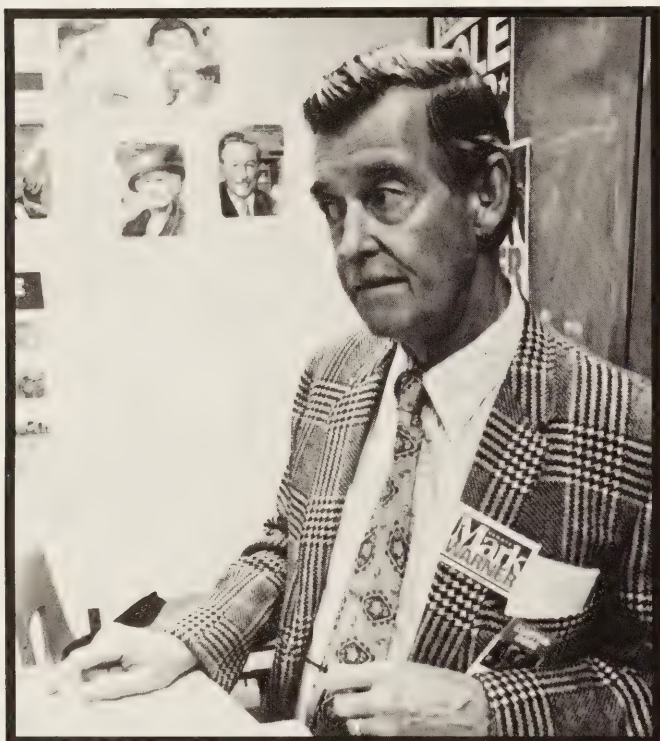
"I love all my students and every one of them is a pleasure to teach," said Mrs. Jeanna DeCarli, an esteemed professor of English here at Stafford. And for those of you who know Mrs. DeCarli, the Queen of Sarcasm actually said that with a straight face. Wonders never cease.

Our ever faithful faculty here at Stafford led by our big teddy bear of a principal, Mr. William Pugh, and our three vice-principals, Mr. Mke Trant, Mr. Mark Strickler, and Mr. Richard Price also continuously produced wonders throughout the year. Remember kiddies, principal ends with PAL!!

Story by Mark Lutterbie.

The faculty
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of high school

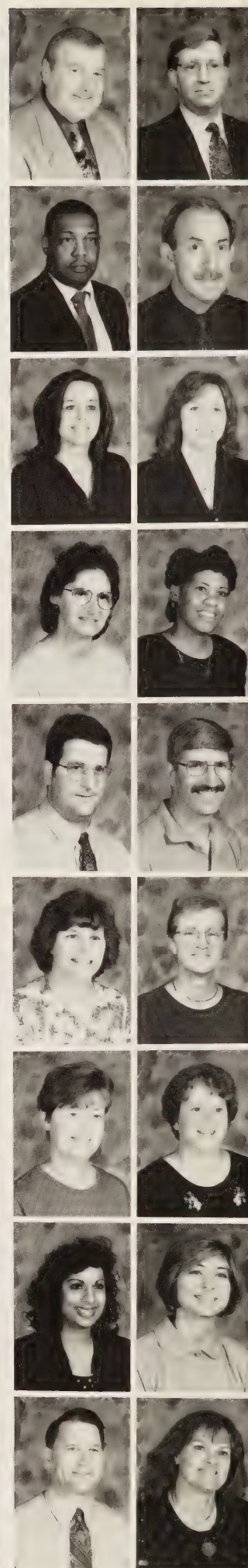
Friends



Government Sporting a Mark Warner sticker, Mr. Harrison instructs his class about U.S. Government. Mr. Harrison's reputation as a very comical, eccentric teacher made him a very desirable choice for students. Photo by Bryan Ennis.

Hangin' with the teachers. Chillin' in the Art room, multi-talented teacher Mrs. Dittmar surveys her class. It's a wonder why any of our exquisite Art teachers return each day after the abuse that they suffer from students. Photo by Jenn Stockdill.

Excuse me... Lecturing in class, Mrs. Leitch go over her notes. Mrs. Leitch taught Consumer Math and Geometry. Photo by Jenn Stockdill.





William Pugh-Principal
 Mark Strickler-Assistant Principal
 Delois Allen-Principal's Secretary
 James Andrews-English 12, English 12-Dual Enrollment
 Lisa Baumgartner-Consumer Math, Geometry, Informal Math
 Jane Black-Librarian Bobbi Blalock-English 9, English 10
 Susan Boggs-MOMR-Special Education

Lee Branch-Algebra; English 9,10; Applied Earth Science; Applied Biology; World Geography
 Gerald Brown-Sociology, History
 Roxanne Brown-Peer Professional Special Education
 Anita Bryant-Peer Professional Special Education
 Judy Bunn-Keyboarding Applications, Newsletter Duty, Word Processing, COE
 Linda Cannon-German 2,3,4,5
 Colleen Carter-American Sign Language 1

Kerry Carter-American Sign Language 1,2
 Eileen Cash-Math Analysis, Computer Programming 1, Algebra 1 part 2
 Carolyn Childress-Earth Science, Geology
 Jennifer Conner-English 9, English 12
 Betty Dameron-French 2,3,4,5
 Holly Dittmar-Art 1
 Brian Driver-Journalism 1,2,3,4; English 11

Agnus Dunn-US/VA History
 Anna Ellis-Peer Professional Special Education
 Betsy Gilbert-Accounting, Business Management, Keyboard Application/Computer Application
 Sue Gill-English 10, Leadership Team, NHS sponsor
 David Hinds-Dual Enrollment Calculus, Algebra 1 part 1, Algebra 1, Advanced Geometry
 Chuck Hite-Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble
 Carol Huebner-Special Education Teacher
 Mark Hughes-Art 1, Art 3, Yearbook Duty, Photojournalism
 Chris Hylton-US/VA Government
 Tricia Jacobs-Television Broadcast, Tech FNS, Tech FND, Tech TRANS
 Elena Jenewein-Severe and Profound
 Jimmy Jones-Sports Director
 Sue Keyser-Main Office Secretary
 Ralph Ladmiraault-English 9, English 12

Patricia Leitch-Consumer Math, Geometry
 Mary Ann Lewis-English 9, English 11
 Dorothy Lynne-English 9, English 10
 Rick Mack-Custodian
 Anna Maddox-Peer Professional Special Education
 David Marshall-Orchestra 1,2
 Ann McClung-Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Leadership Team


Jane McConnell-Peer Professional Special Education
 Jeannette Norfleet-German 1
 Brad Parker-Special Education-English 11,12; Sociology Social Skills;US/VA Government; US/VA History; Consumer Math
 Wayne Parker-Keyboarding Application, Keyboard Finance, CIS/COE
 Barbara Pietschman-Drama 1
 Eric Powell-Global Issues, US/VA History
 Lea Rodgers-Data Processor

Rachel Sargent-Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Ethnic Unity Club sponsor
 Joyce Schaller-English 9, English 10, Creative Writing
 Winona Siegmund-English 11, English 12
 Rachel Sigler-Art 1, Art 2, Art 4, Art 5
 Lois Simms-Advanced Marketing, Advanced Fashion, Marketing, EFE2, COE, Principles Business and Marketing
 Gail Smith-Resource
 April Stafford-Drama 2, Drama 3, English 9

Tom Summers-Function English, Function Math, Life Skills
 Brenda Swidrak-Peer Professional Special Education
 Bob Wallace-Audio Visual Specialist, Computer Coordinator
 Rita Waters-English 10, US/VA Government, Reading
 Donna Watts-Attendance Secretary
 Todd Welker-Video Production 1, Intro to English, Construction, Technology Assess, Leadership Team
 Wayne Wray-Latin 2,3,4,5



More Than Just Knowledge



Regardless of complaints, choices for the future, and goals, going to class was a mandatory thing...for most students anyway. Although many complaints were heard throughout the year about homework, teachers, and tests, the "complainers" had to admit that it was all in their best interest. "Some of my classes were really challenging this year, but I know I learned a lot from it all," said Scott Ramsburg. Matt Donaldson stated, "AP chemistry was definately my l-o-n-g-e-s-t class of the day. I couldn't wait for the bell to ring, but I know that it will all pay off in the long run."

Katie Jacoby felt that this year, her Junior year, was the hardest yet. "Human Phys was a really hard class, but it was definately my favorite. I was really nervous about the disecting, but it turned out to be the best part," commented Aaron Austin.

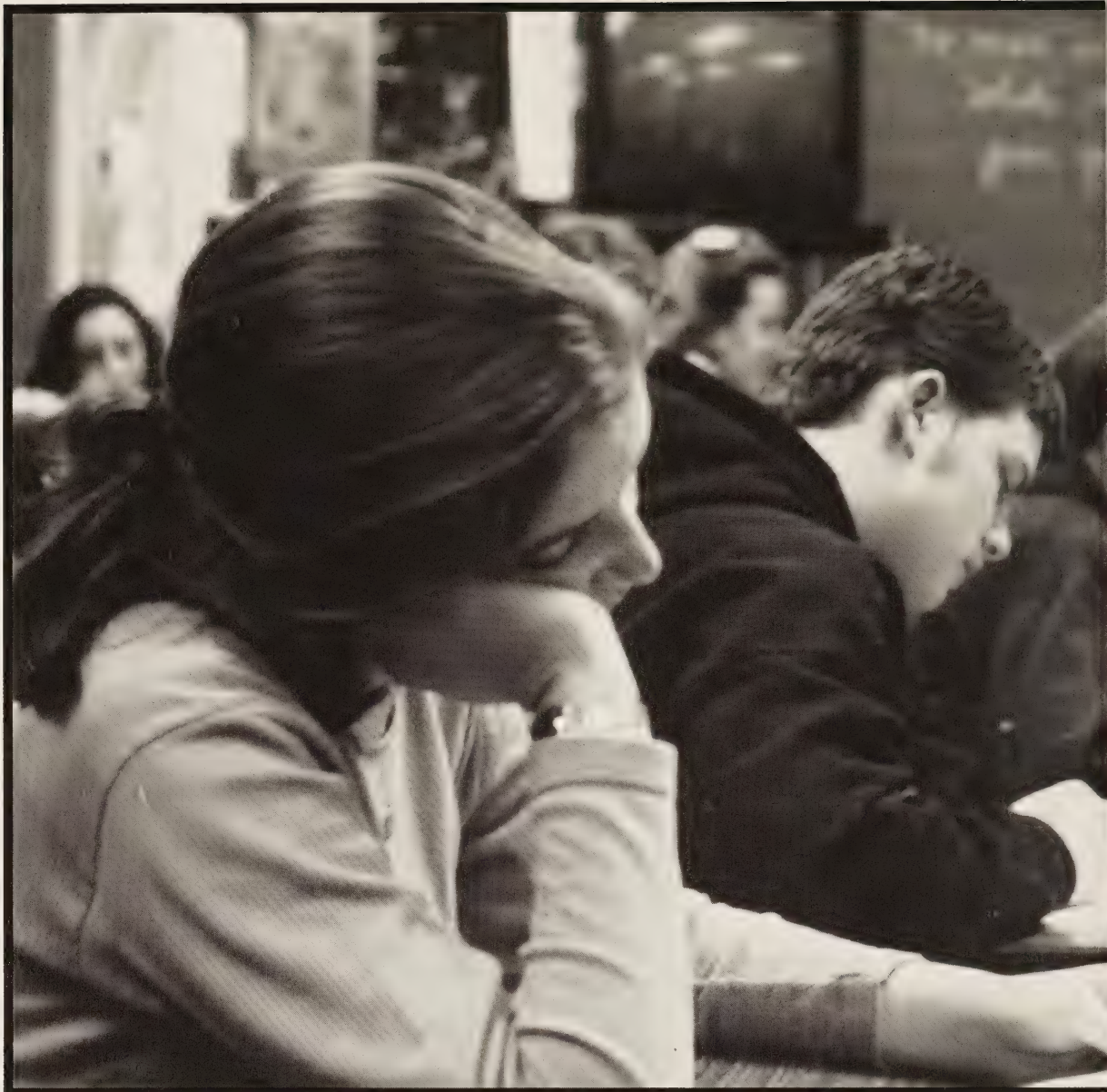
On the other hand, there were those who felt that the 96-97 school year was "a breeze" compared to the rest of high school. "My classes were a lot easier this year than any of my other years of high school," said Karli Fredette, a senior. "I didn't take any extra hard classes my junior year, so the year went by pretty smoothly," Jeremy Conrad said.

Juggling classes and extra curricular activities was a challenge in itself. "It's hard to manage sports and schoolwork, but somehow you've got to fing the time to manage both and get your priorities straight," remarked Becky Doyle.

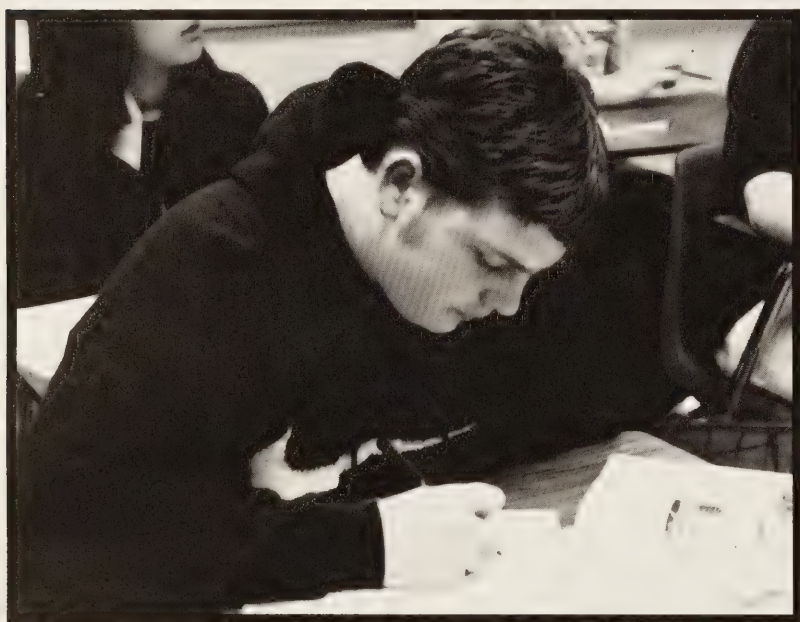
Tim Nimo summed it up with, "I think classes should be 30 minutes long with 15 minutes between classes." Story by *Danielle King*.



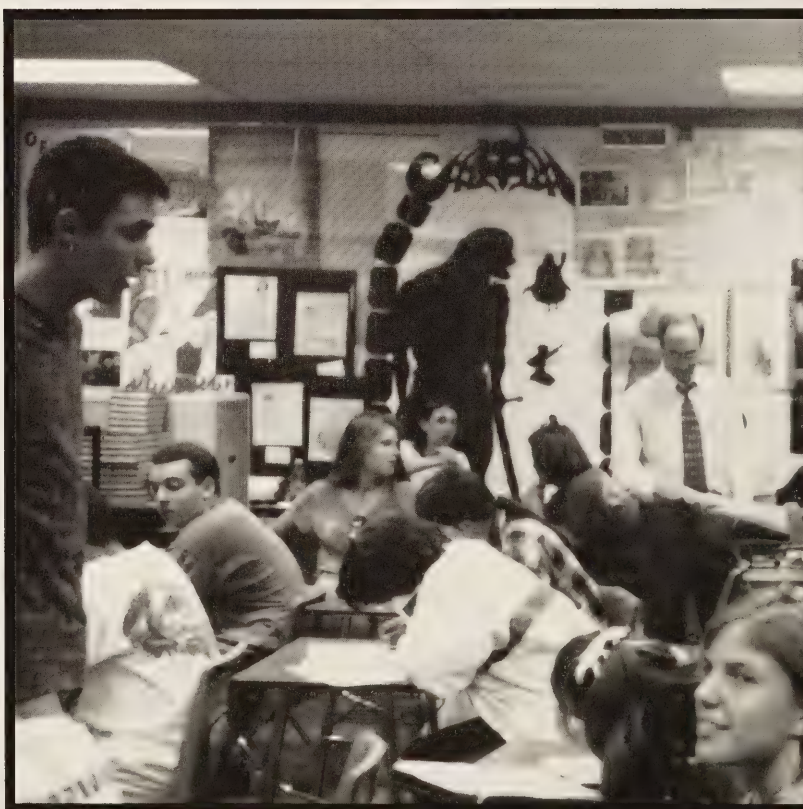
Test Time Getting tests back can sometimes be a disappointment for those who didn't study! Shelly Valentine and Jeff Carpenter look over the tests they had just gotten back. Mr. Brown's fourth period History class could be tough but most of his students found some time to enjoy their class. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Learning From Your Past The students of Stafford learn about the history of everything from our state to the whole world in various history classes offered here at SHS. Jeff Carpenter is deep in thought as he answers history questions out of the book in his American History class. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



The English Experience As a foreign exchange student in a strange school, things aren't always easy, but Claudia Schiffler made the most of her stay. Claudia was from Switzerland, and while the transition was drastic, the students helped to make the adjustment a little smoother for her. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



English & History

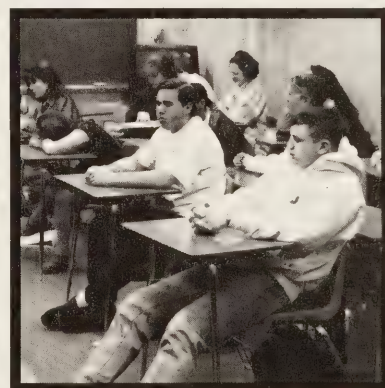
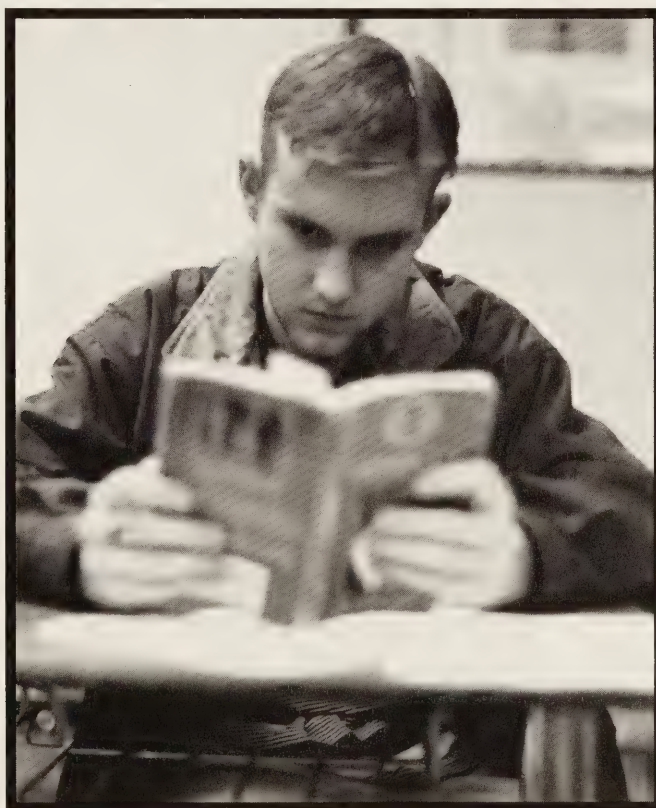
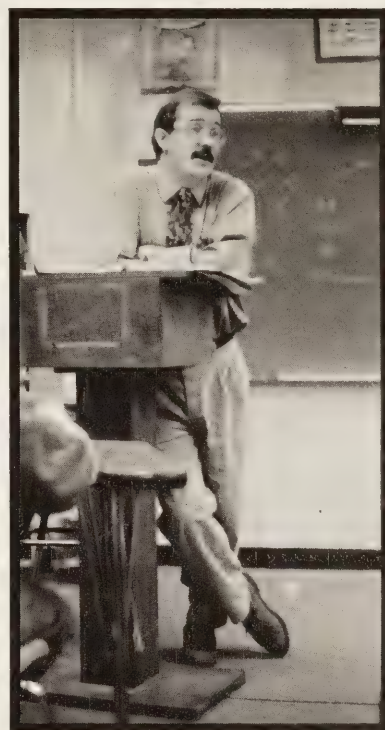
Learning the Fundamentals

English wasn't everyone's favorite, but past the research reports and the tiresome grammar exercises, English class could be the site of some pretty interesting activities. From C.P. to Honors to A.P., the English department had a lot to offer. Kristi Dixon was in Mr. Driver's C.P. 11 English class, where story-telling and sharing personal moments was just as important as basic English and literature lessons. "Mr. Driver is really cool, he's really more like a friend than just a teacher, I learn a lot in there but I have a lot of fun too," said Kristi. In Mrs. Blalock's C.P. 10 English classes, more emphasis was placed on pulling theme and meaning from literature and recognizing as well as analyzing character traits of characters in stories. "You really learn to get everything out of a story," Shannon Barnes said of Mrs. Blalock's class. Honors and A.P. English classes offered more in-depth studies of literature and standard English and included activities ranging anywhere from reciting famous stories and poems to writing your own. The English department also offers public speaking classes, creative writing and journalism classes.

The history department also included an array of opportunities for learning about the world of the past and present. In Mr. Brown's U.S. Virginia History classes, debates and class discussions accompanied what could be learned straight from the book. "Mr. Brown's class is really a lot of fun, we do a lot of really neat stuff and you don't think you're learning anything at first but you're actually learning a lot," Dana Bonelli said. We have a lot of parties too," contributed Jason Bast, "That way you aren't always bored or anything." Mr. Shotwell's A.P. Government class was a lot of independent, in-depth work. It could be a challenge and you had to be focused and ready to work when you take on an A.P. History class. Miss Beverly's World Geography class started students off with basic knowledge of the world, current events and countries all around the world. "It's a pretty easy class, but you have to pay attention," Stephanie Musselman stated. History classes could be difficult, but they also made for a lot of interesting studies of the world we live in. *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz*

Speaking of English

The English department is the sight of reading, writing, drama and some very serious teaching! Mr. Driver lectures his English 11 class on a paper they had written. English classes covered the basics as well as finding time for relaxing every now and then for a free period to have fun! *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



What did you say?

Off in a daze, Chris Kraus lounges at his desk in Mr. Brown's history class.

Photo by Bryan Ennis.

Read, Read, Read!

Intently trying to finish a required reading assignment for English, Guy Boutchyard reads during his English 12 class. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

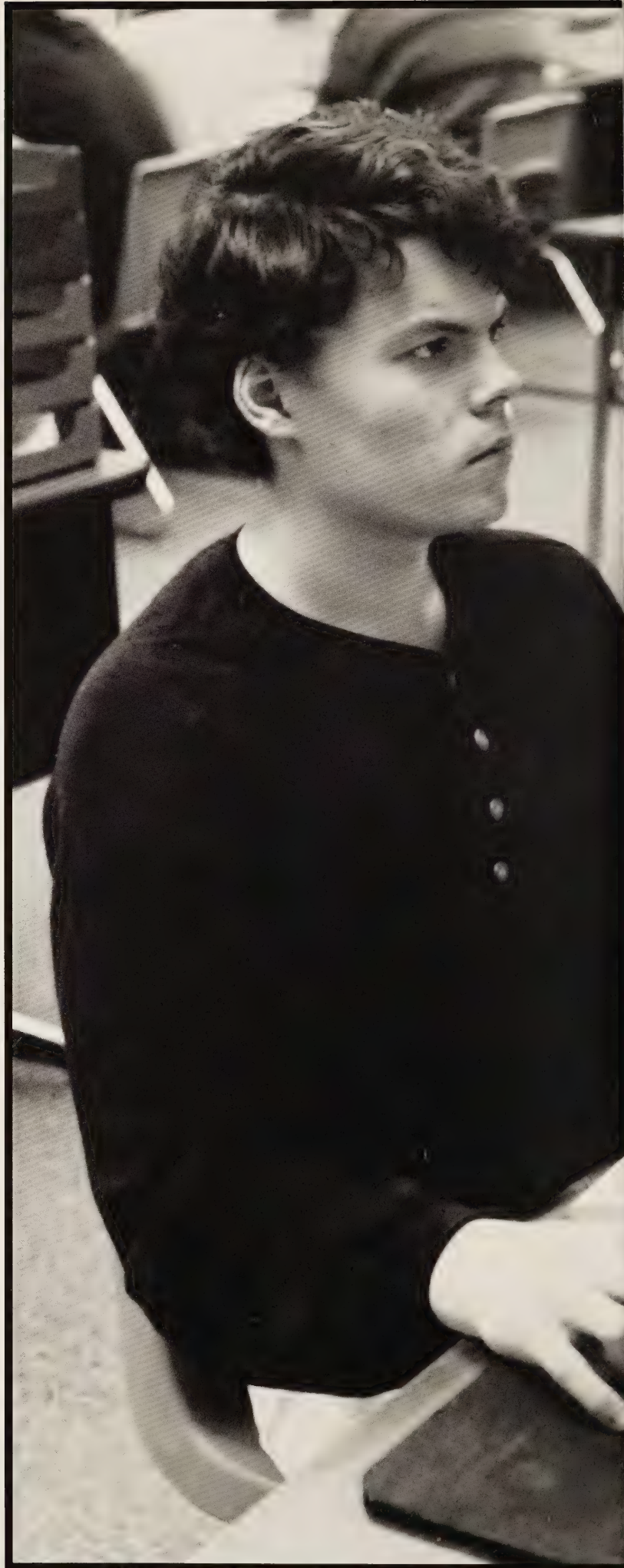
Playing with Chemicals Watching over, Mr. Schrader makes sure Crystal Carper and Katie Kolokowski don't make anything explode. The labs in chemistry class were hard work but they were also a welcome change from the books.

Photo by Andi Bordick.

Computer Language Mesmerized by the computer screen Mike Brown works on a computer program. Devising ways and executing programs, the math students learned the "computer language". *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Fishy Business Watching over the fish tanks Joey Hanzel and Meagan Staab make sure the filters are clean. Marine Biology was a class in which students explored the "fishy" part of science. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



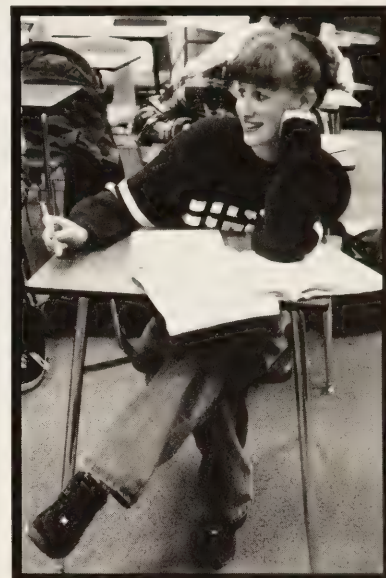
Adding & Experimenting

Chemistry & Math

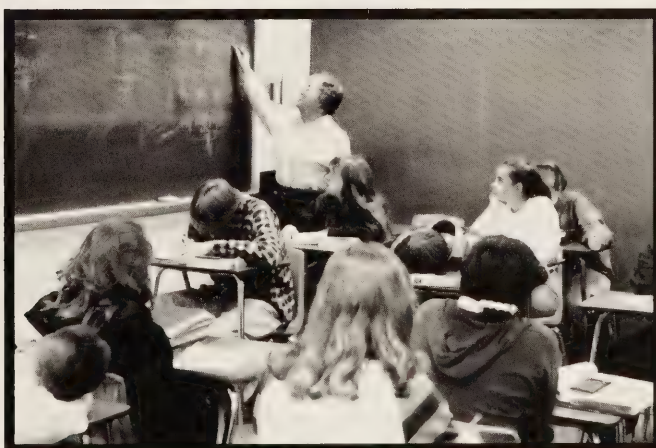
Math and Science. Even though it's two subjects that brings most people to cringe, it is a part of most students daily schedule. "The only reason I take math and science is because it's required to graduate" said Randy Chandler. There were so many interesting science classes that many students took two classes. Arline Weeks who took Physics and Marine biology said "It was a lot of work but both classes had their fun sides." Marine Science was one of the science classes taught by Mr. Brown that many students enjoyed taking. In October the marine biology classes went on a field trip to Virginia Beach. The experience was best put by Jessica Bordick who said, "It was so much fun except for the fact that everyone lost their lunch all over the boat."

The math department was another very strong department at Stafford High School. It was also a subject that for some, was very difficult. "I think math is very challenging and it takes five hours to do one math problem!" exclaimed Kris Denson. Math is something that some students realized they need every day. "The entire world revolves around math or science, you can't shop without using math or cook without science," said Jenny Korniotis and Marissa Pugh. Coach Ocheltree pondered the question, "If we have Marine biology why don't we have air force science or army math?" *Story by Dacia Goldman.*

Math = Fun Looking on inattentively, Candace Whittacker learns that math can be fun. Classes seemed endless some days and a little laughter was a welcomed change. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Egg Droppings David Friel watches as Mr. Byrne grades Emily Godfrey's egg structure. The Physics classes had to build these structures to protect their eggs from breaking when they were dropped from the top of the bleachers. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Numbers! Explaining math to her students, Mrs. Pitzer does her best to help her students with their problems. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

The Three Musketeers

Concentrating on their music, Jonathan Barnum, Karen Mann, and James Como harmonize on their trumpets. Teamwork like this is what made the Stafford Band so successful. Students always looked forward to the concerts they put on for the school. *Photo by Mr. Hughes.*

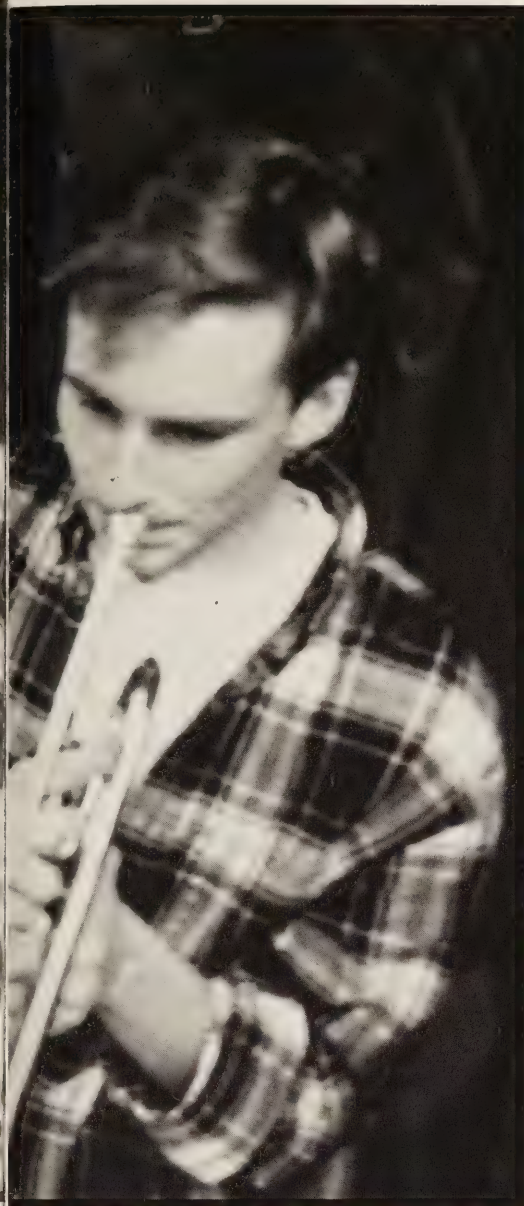


Watch Out! Playing the trombone, Robbie Sawtell has to have plenty of room to handle this large instrument. This was an instrument which was more difficult than it appeared to play. Mastering it took long hours of practice in the band room. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*



Playing His Heart Out During band class, Ben Shaeber plays a solo on his baritone. There was a lot of pressure to perform perfectly, especially if they were playing solo. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*





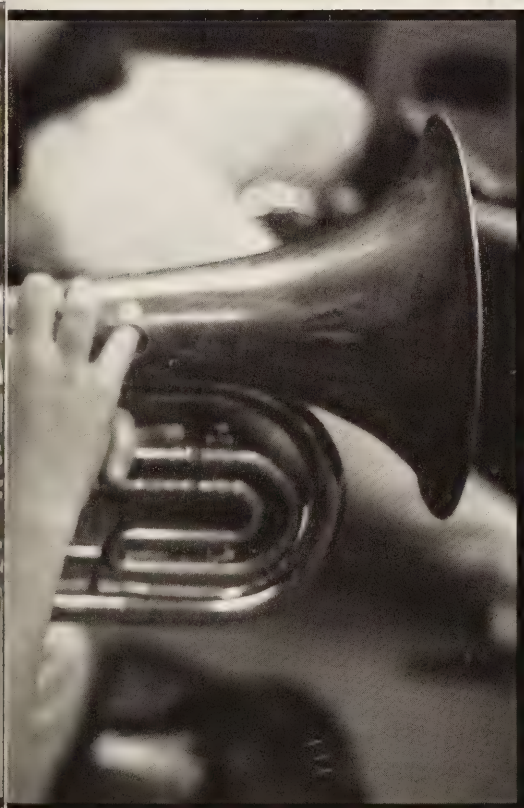
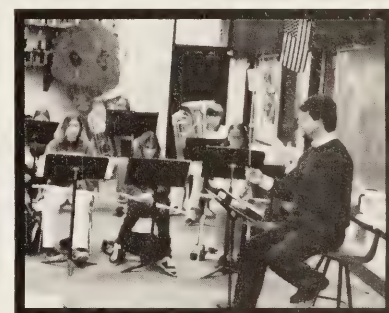
Music to the ears

Stafford band members groove to their own beat

Ever wonder what goes on behind the large steel doors of the band room? That was where many of Stafford's students learned to play the beautiful music that we enjoyed in parades and assemblies. There were several different categories of band, including jazz, wind ensemble, and symphonic. The jazz band played many different types of old and new jazz songs. "The jazz band is fun because we don't just play the normal music that everyone expects the band to play," said Andy Stamps. Wind ensemble and symphonic were basically the same, but wind ensemble was a higher level.

The band worked hard to prepare themselves for concerts and parades throughout the year. A big event for many band members was the annual Festival event. This was a chance for students to show their musical abilities and be judged on them. They received ratings such as "superior" and "excellent" for their hard work. "It's a lot of hard work and practice to get good. We have to practice to prepare ourselves for Festival," said Edith Taylor. All their work paid off in another year of musical success. *Story by Sara Philpott.*

Air! Taking a deep breath, Tim Brennan prepares for his big entrance. Band members had to have perfect timing in order for their concerts to be a success. *Photo by Mr. Hughes.*



Follow My Lead Instructing his students during class, Mr. Hite teaches them new songs. He had his work cut out for him, making sure they were all well prepared for performances. *Photo by Mr. Hughes.*

Waiting For Cue Listening to the music, Rita Botts and Edith Bowers wait for their turn to begin playing. The xylophone was an instrument that often went unnoticed in the band, but it added to the musical effect. *Photo by Mr. Hughes.*

Lean on Me!! During their dance routine, Naomi Jolley takes a break right on Tiffany Rutland's shoulder. Show choir had only six members, but the class required a lot of practice to get their dance steps down right. *Photo by Christy Stoner*



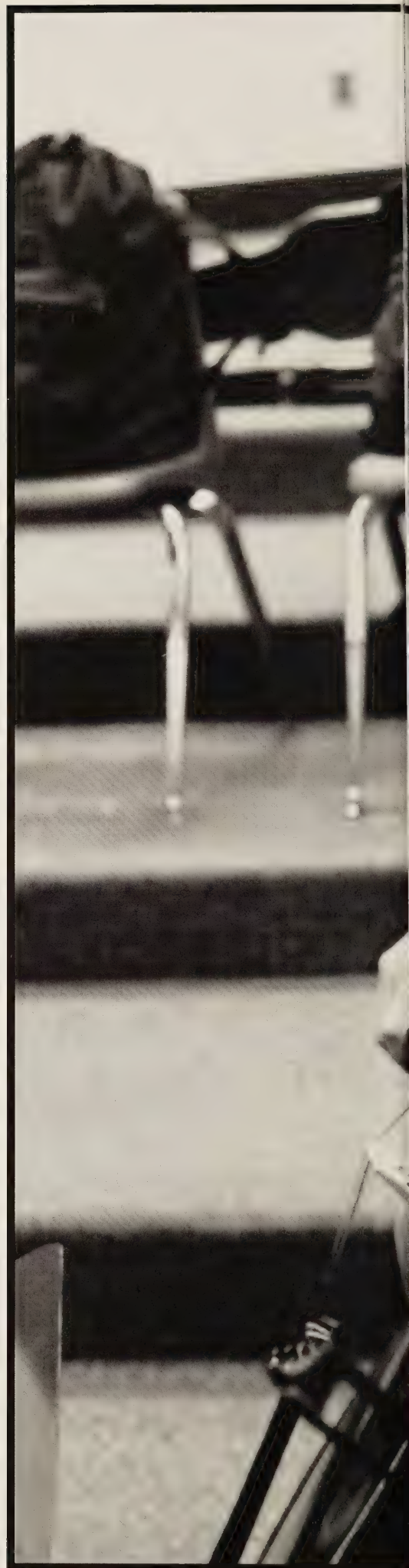
Tuning up Orchestra and Chorus

Some students signed up for Chorus class because they wanted a class without bookwork or homework. Well, they might not of gotten any bookwork or written homework, but they sure had a lot to do in the class. The students of orchestra and chorus spent much time after school and during school practicing hitting those notes and getting their rhythm down smooth. All the meanwhile, having a good time too. "Chorus has been one of the most fun and important parts of my high school experience," Christina Gray stated. Though the daily routine of singing and practicing for big events might of seemed tedious to the students, there were always a few spontaneous and unexpected events. Casey Sullivan reminisced about one her favorites, "The funniest thing that ever happened in Madrigals was when Ms. Thompson broke her stool and collapsed behind the piano. We were really concerned about her...after we stopped laughing." A lot of fun was packed into a class that taught students how to put their larynx to the maximum use. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*



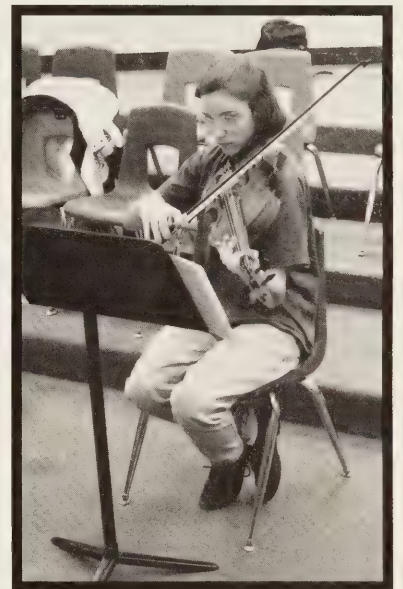
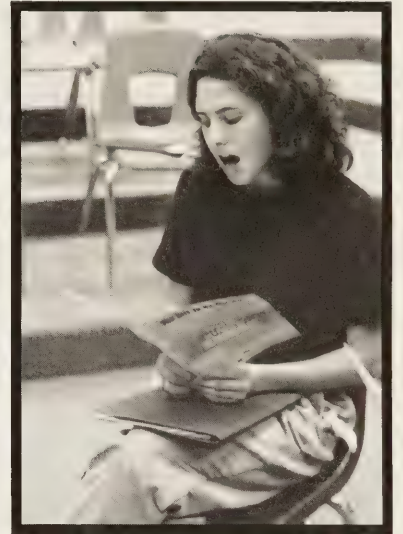
Play it Again During girls' ensemble, Mrs. Thompson keeps the girls in tune. Front and center sits Erin Kirby surrounded by her classmates. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Sacre Bleu! Conducting, Mr. Marshall helps the young violinists to strike up a nice tune. Justin Haines focuses hard on his music while trying to keep one eye on Mr. Marshall. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





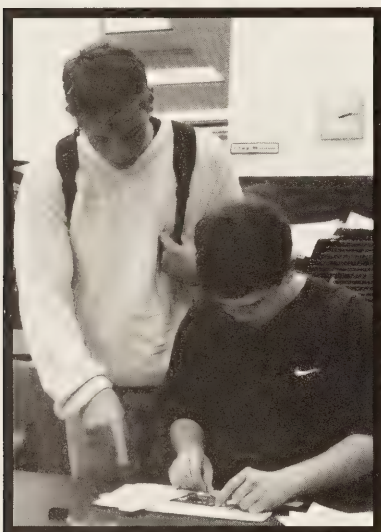
Sing That Funky Music... Larynx in full throttle, Beth Goodall lets everyone hear her relaxing voice while practicing in Madrigals. The winter show contained a very nice, un-explicit display of the Madrigals talent. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Strings and Things Eloquently playing her violin, Lexi Keeton gives it her all during first period strings class. Lexi took great musical satisfaction from playing her violin. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

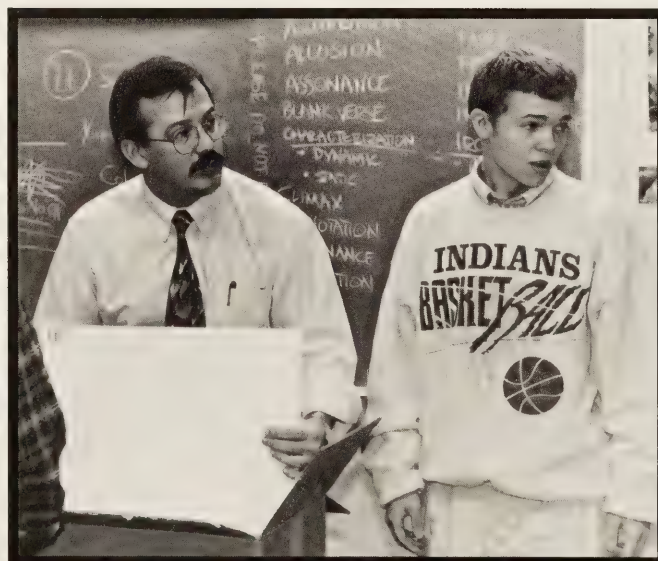
Music Man While in Mr. Marshall's first period class, Peter Bennett concentrates on playing his cello. Strings class was not a large class, but that benefited the students because it left more time for assistance for each one of them. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Right Here Carefully considering all options for their layout, designer Frank Trivett and writer Sean Farmer discuss where the picture should go. Often the yearbook staff was caught teaming up to get extra work done or just to catch up on lost time. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Magnificent Work! Studying his negatives, Ben Malay looks to be very pleased with what he sees. Photographers put in much time in the dark room developing the pictures they took around school. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

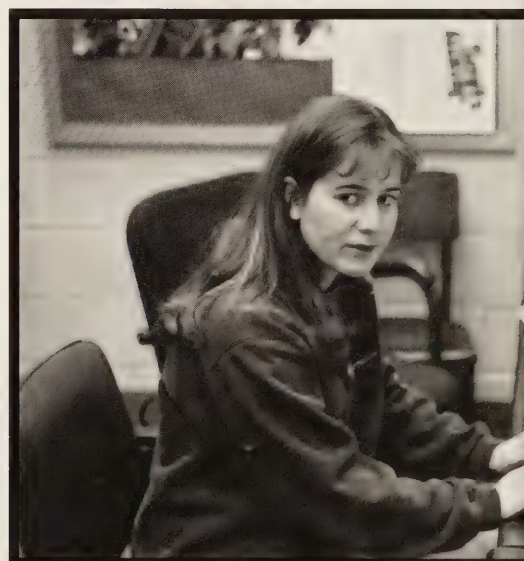
Can I help you Appearing a little stressed out on the newspaper scene, Adam Bray and Mr. Brian Driver look onward while discussing a newspaper related topic. The students involved with the newspaper always spoke about in enthusiastic terms. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



Get to work

Deadline crazed students rush to please the student body

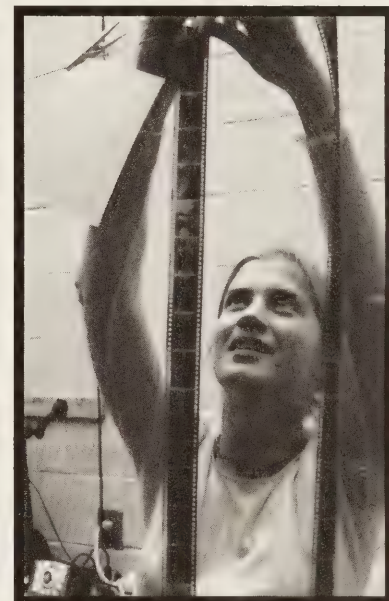
Yearbook, Newspaper and Video Broadcasting all had one major thing in common **MAKE THAT DEADLINE.** Well, maybe it wasn't that bad. Of course yearbook genius Mr. Hughes would most likely agree after his quick retort of "O.K. lets get to work, we have got a deadline to make!" The responsibility of these classes was at times overlooked, because at times it can be immense. Of course with deadlines comes the big "S" word, that's right, stress. Todd Coates a video broadcasting students quickly exclaims, "We have got to get that project done, I mean it's due sixth period but that's alright because it's gonna be phat!" I sure hope it was. Crazed students rushing madly to get quotes, stories and pictures was a regular sight on the yearbook and newspaper scene. Yearbook designer Frank Trivett summed up his opinion with his catchy quote of, "This class is great." Of course with all the stress comes the rare moment when somebody does something wrong in the opinion of their peers that turns something great into something ugly. Thomas Perone's A Retort from the Writer was an apology written after a somewhat displeased Mr. Powell wrote an editorial on the topic of Thomas's article. Pleasing the public with the works of the yearbook, video broadcasting, and newspaper often proved to be harder than impressing the teacher. Stench of the Month by Chris Moran often took chances with the public with his colorful commentary of Stafford. Much more was accomplished behind the scenes than roaming the hall with a personalized pass. Good times and the pleasures of class always overpowered the stress, and as always the finished product made everything worth while. "Back to books? Hey, I wrote that, I mean I wrote that, that is gonna go in the yearbook? COOL!" I said in front of a startled Mr. Hughes who replied, "That's funny, Sean, what did you think we were gonna do with your stories?" *Story by Sean L. Farmer*



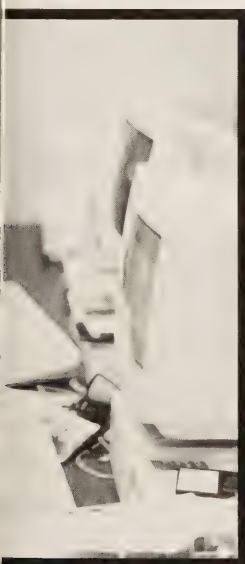


I'm on the tube Sitting in the studio, Matt Korniotis prepares to go on screen as Mr. Tom Clark signals last minute directions from the sound booth. Broadcasting was an extremely popular class for students, it combined hard work with good times. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

To Cool Dude Looking at negatives, Heather Howe and Jeremy Conrad decide which should be printed. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



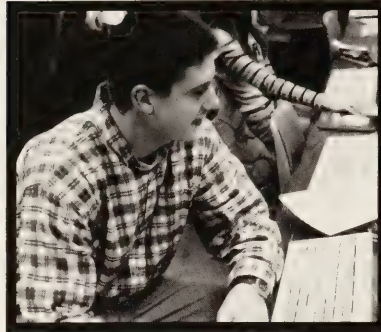
Almost There Reaching upward for a photo that stood out Jennifer Stockdill's looks to be having a great time with her work. Hard work was displayed by all of the photographers during their daily routine. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



A Little Confused Deep in thought creative writer Dacia Goldman considers what her next choice of words should be. Writers spent much time in thought about their stories and captions before they printed them out. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

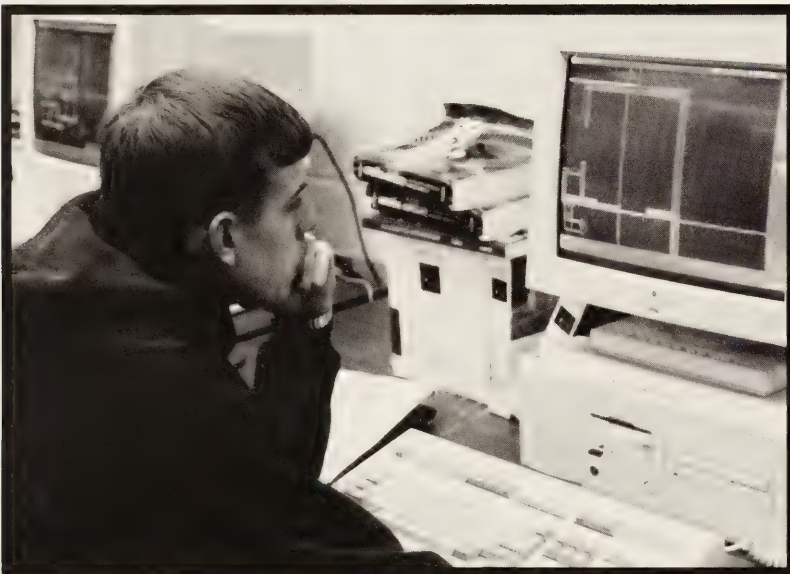
What Do You Want! Rushing to get all the latest information into the computer, Sports Editor Aaron Austin appears to be very interested with all the chaos in the computer room. Computers, stories and captions along with layouts were constantly being updated in the yearbook class. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Confused? Studying his screen, Matt Dursa tries to figure out what to do next. In business classes students learned how to work with the newest software programs.



Click, Click, Click. . .

Typing away, Nadia Popova strives to complete her latest assignment. Business classes prepared students for the future. Nadia's timed typing assignment will help her improve her speed and accuracy. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



So many lines! Debating what to do next, Curtis Rose works on his latest drafting assignment. The computer helped to ensure students the accuracy needed in order to obtain an image drawn to scale. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Into the great wide open. . .

Ready to face the future.

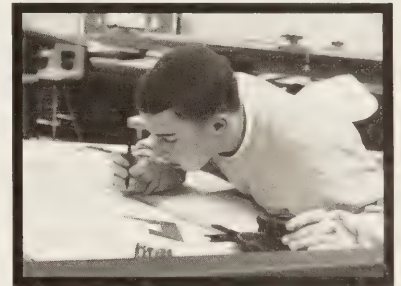
By taking business, vocational and technology classes, students were preparing for the future. The business department included classes in commercial aspects such as accounting and typing. These classes also benefited students who had term papers in other classes. Graham Hope said that "I feel that in order to get ahead in life it is important for me to learn standard typing skills."

The various types of vocational classes range from video broadcasting to cosmetology. In video broadcasting, a fairly new addition to SHS's wide range of academic classes, students learn how to film using very high tech studio cameras. They then take the raw footage into the studio set up in school, and edit it. In the studio the students shape and manipulate the tape, adding audio and special effects until the desired product is achieved. Brenden Ahearn shared that "I initially took video broadcasting because I thought it would be a fun class. I didn't think it would require a whole lot of work, as I am burdened by a schedule of difficult classes. It has proven to be fun, but hardly as easy as I had expected." In cosmetology, students are taught everything possible about hair, nails, skin care and anatomy. "All my teachers told me 'this is not beauty class' so I finally took cosmetology so I would have an excuse," joked Kelli Conyers-Cline.

Technology classes helped students perform specific tasks using programs such as CAD. Chris Kraus shared that "Engineering and Construction technology are pretty challenging. In engineering we design and build bridges, buildings, cars and rockets using CAD and other computer concepts. In construction tech. we manufacture different items for sale, and we design various products."

With the help of business, technology and vocational classes, students widened their options for the future. They gained insight into their future careers. They improved their chances of getting into a good college. With all of these options, its no wonder they were ready to face the future. *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*

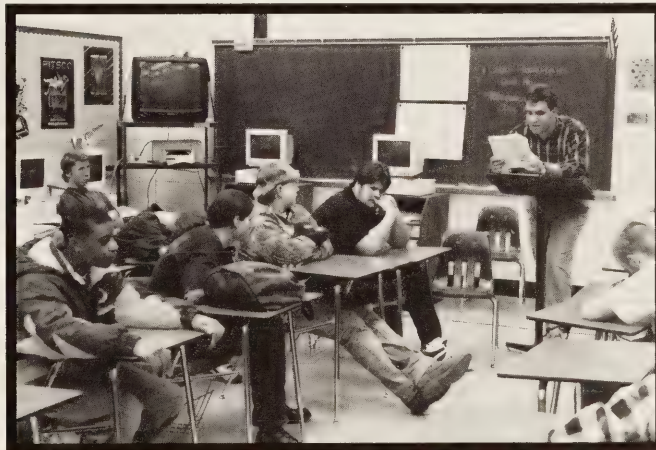
I'm gonna be a supermodel... Concentrating on her styling techniques, Stacy Bushey works on cutting the mannequin's hair. Students had to learn to cut, style, and perm various types of hair.



Hmmmm... Intent on making his lines straight, C.W. Harrison drafts his latest assignment. In drafting, students learn how to make drawings to scale. In order to be successful, drawings had to be accurate.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Tech. Ed. Entranced in the lecture, Mr. Welker's students listen to him explain their latest lesson. Mr. Welker taught technology. Skills taught in this class helped students cope with the increasing expansion of technology in the future. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Wheeling Working away, Jared Booker detaches the wheel from the hub. In Automechanics students learned this and other auto-related skills. These skills would help future mechanics to get a job. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Lonely? Sitting depressed, Dennis Carmody suffers the wrath of adultery from his "family" of Casey Sullivan, Cristina Gray, and Nick Boeke. "Personals" was a big success for Drama despite the extensive censoring that it required.

An excuse to play?

Art and Drama

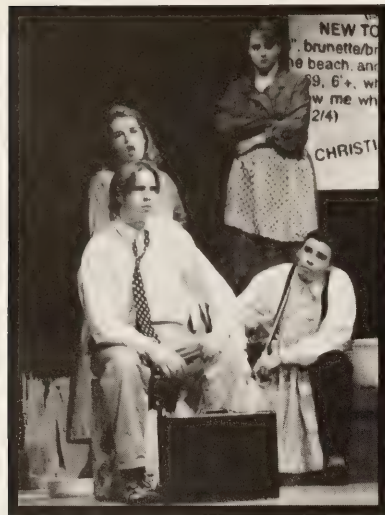
Some of our fine students here at Stafford think that they can receive an easy "A" in an Art or Drama class. But little do they know (big surprise) that these top of the totem-pole instructors don't give any easy "A's." The only things that the goof-offs get will get from Mrs. Sigler and Mr. Hughes, King and Queen respectively, is a detention slip and a slap across the face. Despite some distractions, success struck our Drama department, with some help from those crazy art guys.

The Advanced Drama class found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow in Norfolk. Led by the masterful Tom Clark, the dedicated Advanced Drama class won the Virginia Theatre Association's one-act play competition with "Screen". "Screen" was written and created by the members of the cast and was apparently an interesting (and intoxicating, though they deny all knowledge of that) experience. "The writing and creation of 'Screen' was more fun than the actual performance," said cast member Taylor Blackburn. The group immersed themselves in news, television, radio, computers, and various controversial topics such as the O.J. Simpson trial and Susan Smith; of course they left the important props, the plugs, for Art to make.

However, making plugs for the Drama was not the only thing that Art did all year long. Oh, never mind, yes it was. No, wait, students were constantly dodging the vicious slaps and attacks from Senora Sigler. "We have some very talented young artists this year, if only they would listen to me," complained Sigler (aka Rachel, aka Siggie, aka Herbert). Mr. Hughes was too busy roughing up his Art 1 class for a comment.

Even with the lack of communication between teachers and students in the fine arts, success was reached in all areas (but not without a few bruises and broken bones). Congratulations (otherwise known to some as 'congratulations') to all performers of "Screen." It was put best by Drama student teacher Krista Reynolds, well, you guys know what she said before you went on stage in Norfolk and they won't let me print that; I already tried.

So, is Art and Drama an excuse to play? Yeah, I guess so, as long as you can hold your own against champion boxer and arm wrestler Rachel Sigler and don't get crushed by the vicious wit of Tom Clark. But a warning to all from someone who practically lives in the Art room: taking these classes may be hazardous to your health. One should use extreme caution when enrolling and must learn this simple rule before entering the classroom: Sigler is always right (that goes for you Drama people too). *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*



Snuggling up. Ignoring the six inch rule, John-Boy Torrey and Taylor Blackburn share a private dance. Taylor was just one of John-Boy's flings through out the play, but he finally decided to settle down with D.D. Bevins.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

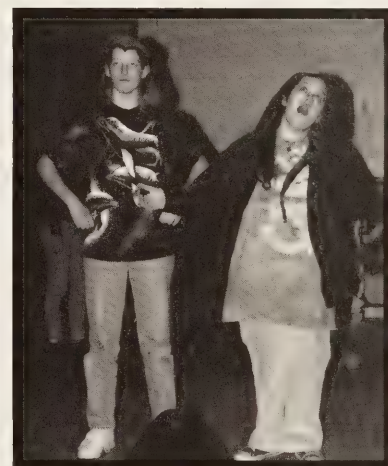
Art Girl Sketching from a postcard, Shannon Morris works on her Art project. Art students took their lives in their own hands whenever they entered Sigler's domain, but nevertheless countless students enrolled in the class.





Rollin', rollin', rollin'!
Rolling on the ink, Leah Rubin prepares to make her block prints from the design she patiently carved into the block. Block printing was just one of the many exciting projects that they go to do.

Photo by Mark Hughes.



Opera anyone? Bustling out in song, Shirley Barnes and Meghan Hewitt fill the Drama room with harmonious tunes. Singing was an important part of Drama this year with the musical production of "Personals." *Photo by Kelly Combs.*



Nice palette. Painting from plates, Crystal Hissen and Amy Mann work diligently on their self portraits for Senora Sigler. Sigler used her ingenuity (for once) and used plates as palettes due the extreme lack of Art funds.

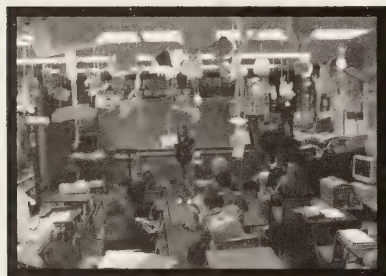
Play dead Sprawled out on the floor, Willie McGee awaits his treat from fellow Drama student Ken Marlowe. For once the commercials never lied, Willie really didn't know that it wasn't bacon.

Photo by Rita Stevens.

Toga! Toga! Toga!

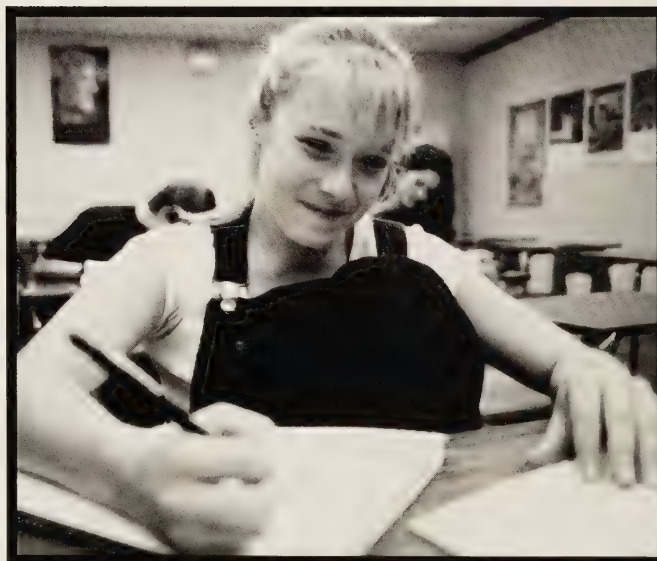
Mrs. Wick helps with the food at a toga party for her Latin I, students. Dressed up like Romans for the occasion, reenacted a party as the Romans would have. Photo by Bryan Ennis.

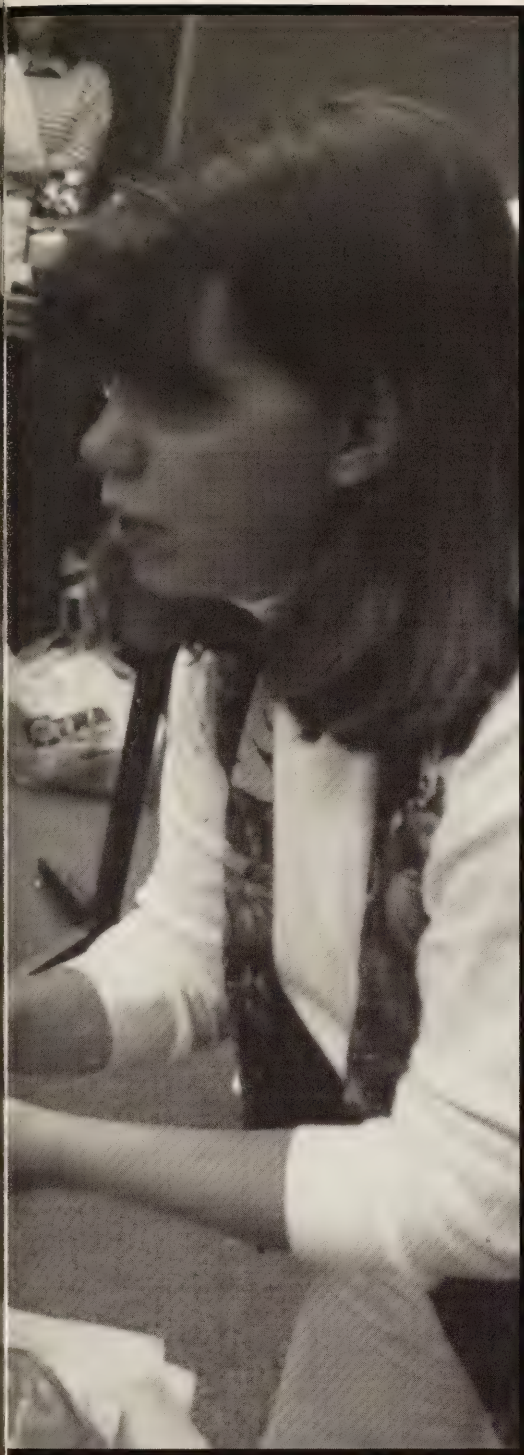
Take-1 Performing a play during Mrs. Wick's Latin I class, eighth grade students expressed themselves through the classics. These students got to ride the high school bus every morning just to experience the greatness of Latin.



...and that's all." Mrs. Dameron's French class listens closely while one of her students give their report. Students in French spent time learning songs and putting on plays. Some even danced around the room in a French chorus. Photo by Bryan Ennis.

"Salve!" Pondering over her Latin, Angel Dodson smiles shyly for the camera. Mr. Wayne Wray's Latin class was full of translating and grammar. Students got to take a break from the stress when they colored mythological pictures for Christmas. Photo by Bryan Ennis.





Becoming bilingual

Foreign Language Classes

Students had four languages to choose from when attempting to become bilingual this year. French, Spanish, Latin, and German were all part of the foreign language menu. For many students, two years of two different languages or three years of one was the requirement to achieve their desired diplomas. Some exceeded the normal to become even more advanced in a particular language. "Spanish four is a lot of fun. By the time you've gotten this far, you've learned pretty much all of the language you can learn without going to Mexico," said Katie Jacoby.

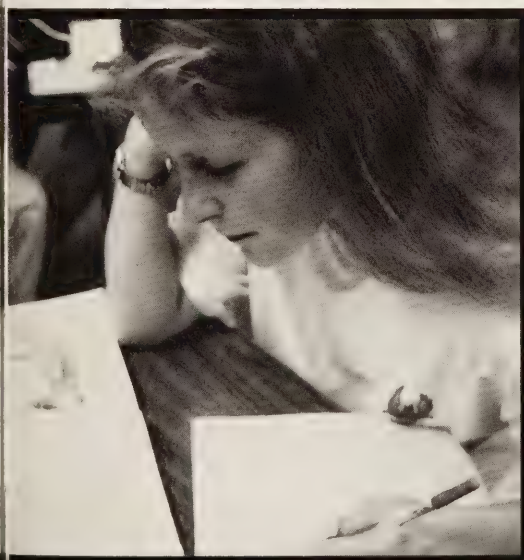
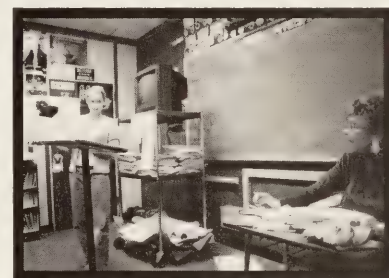
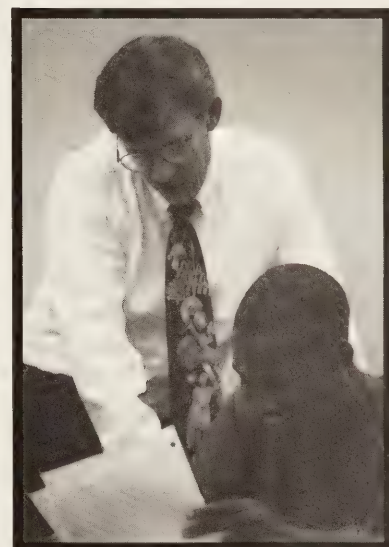
In Spanish four and five, students were required to speak all Spanish and in fourth and fifth year Latin, translating the Aeneid was the main objective. "Latin is definitely a hard language to learn. There is so much grammar. We've been translating the Aeneid all year, so you'd think it would be getting easier, but it's still a lot of work," said Caroline Miles.

Oral presentations were a popular way of getting students to spill out their knowledge. On almost any given day, a student could be found at the front of one of the foreign language classrooms with a visual aid. "We do lots of oral presentations on the history and workmanship of the Germans," said Amber Flippo. "I guess the most interesting thing is how different the German teenage customs are compared to ours," she added.

Dameron's class spent time dressing up in costumes and dancing around the classroom. "Singing songs in French was probably my favorite part of the class," stated Aaron Austin. "Meme always tried to have fun activities for us to do," she added.

Learning a second language took a lot of work, especially learning it fluently enough to visit a foreign land like many plan to do this summer. Have a good time... and take your dictionaries! *Story by Danielle King.*

"Thanks, Mr. Wray!" Assisting a student with his Latin Assignment, Mr. Wray helps Marcus Watington. Always ready to help, Mr. Wayne Wray was dedicated to making sure his students got the most out of their Latin experience. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*



Hmmm Working away at her French assignment, Andrea Dengler works diligently on her work. It was a good idea to get foreign language homework done in class where the teacher was available. Picking up on a second language took a lot of work. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

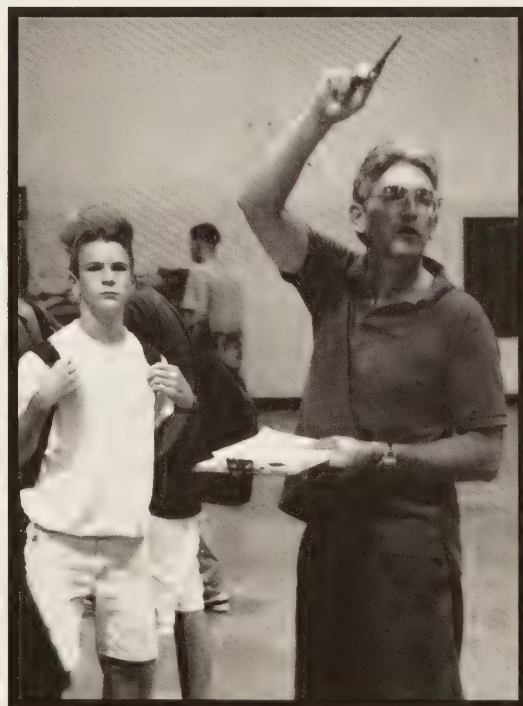
"Look at Me!" Sharing her French speaking abilities, Tiffany Hite explains her project to the class. Oral presentations were a popular way of showing a students knowledge. "Tres bien, bebe!" *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

A Sure Hit During a volleyball lesson in P.E. class, Miranda George hits the ball to fellow classmates. First year teacher, Miss Janet Baggett instructed the ninth grade P.E. class. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*

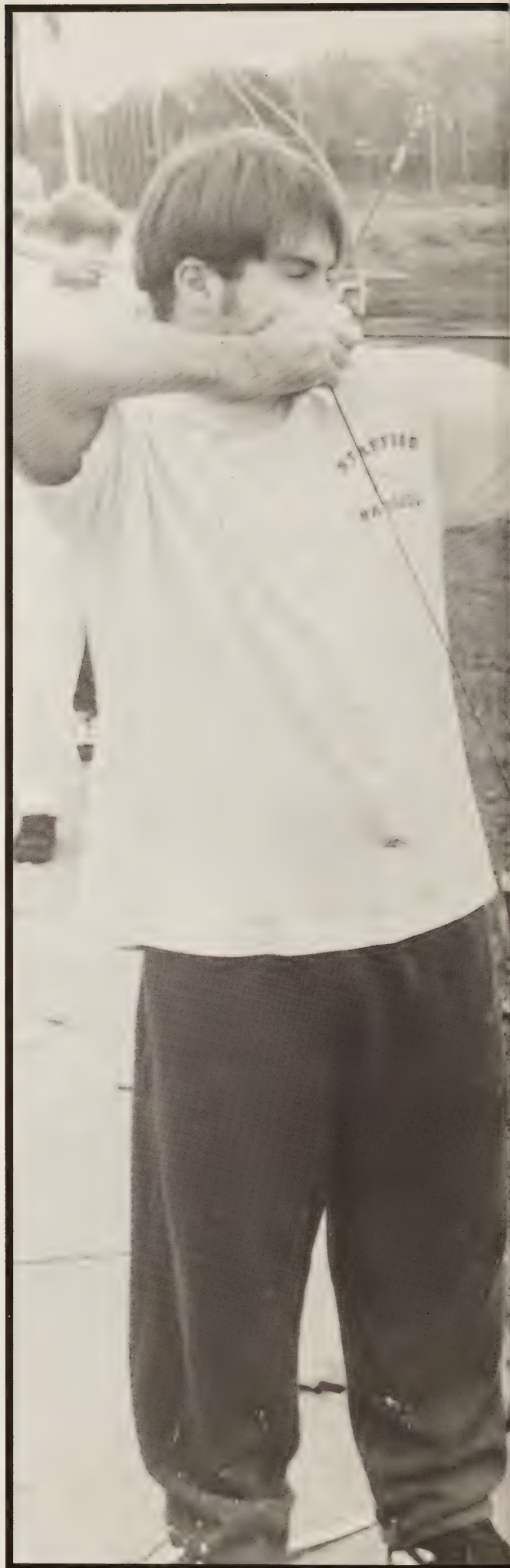
In the Line of Fire Making sure to follow all the steps of archery, Chuck Shackelford aims at a target during gym class. Sophomore P.E. classes covered lessons on archery as well as tennis, badminton and various other games and sports. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



Aim! Release! Follow Through! Finishing up the archery lesson in P.E. Trish Throne, carefully aims at the target in front of her. Coach Casius was a student teacher at the beginning of the year for Mrs. Payne. He covered the archery lessons with sophomore gym classes at the beginning of the year. The archery lesson included a lot of direction following, which caused a slight problem for some, less attentive P.E. students. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*



Roll Call Waiting for the bell, Sammy Newsome watches as Coach Portner takes roll in the auxiliary gym. P.E. was always a lot of fun, but it didn't stop everyone from being anxious for the bell to ring. No matter which class they were in, students were always happy to be one period closer to that seventh period bell and the arrival of buses to take them home! *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Keepin' fit

Driver's Education, P.E. & Health

Physical Education, Health and Driver's Education classes work together to provide healthy bodies, flexible minds and safe drivers. P.E. classes provided a break from classroom education, and allowed us one period a day to see the outside world. Often times, this was a very welcome transition! Our health classes were when we learned how to take care of ourselves and to protect our bodies as well as our minds from the issues in our everyday lives that sometimes trip us up. At last we reached driver's education, where we were finally on the brink of being responsible for ourselves as well as our own car or truck.

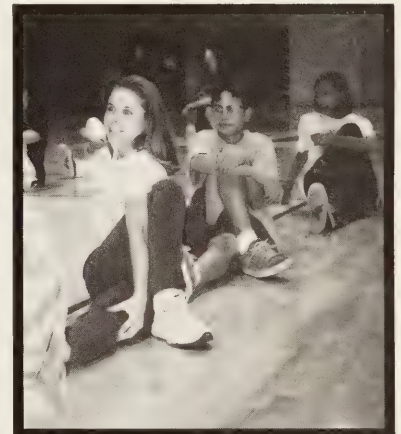
P.E. classes taught us everything from how to perfect our hook-shot, to merely how to pace ourselves to complete the dreaded physical fitness test mile! Getting in shape wasn't always fun, as most would agree, there were down sides to everything. "I definitely don't look forward to the mile," said Niki Kelley, "but after sitting in classes for a few hours, it's nice to be able to get up and have fun!" Some just hated having to dress -out for P.E., like Brittany Wood, who had P.E. first period, two years in a row. "I felt like I'd just gotten up and gotten dressed and then I got to school and had to change into P.E. clothes and run around the gym!" Just when you've had enough though, it's time for health, where getting that P.E. grade gets just a little bit harder. "Health is alright," said Bonnie Jones, "it's better than running, but all of the sudden you have to start paying attention during P.E." All in all, P.E. and health helped to get the student body in better shape, mentally and physically.

The P.E. department also included Driver's Education and Behind-the-Wheel, in which students earned and learned how to handle the licenses they hope to receive at that magnificent age of sixteen! Driver's Ed. included "a lot of guest speakers and videos," says Misty Blakenship. Students learned through textbooks, guest speakers and informational videos about the basics of driving before they take on the actual task of getting behind the wheel of a car. "It's not always real exciting," said Alycen Hales, "but it's cool cause you know when you finish you get to drive!" *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



On the Mark Careful to follow all rules, J.W. Wilson pulls his arrow from the target during the archery unit in his sophomore P.E. class. Aside from having a lot of special rules and procedures, archery was a fun lesson and for most, it was something new and different from the normal routine of activities like softball or basketball. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*

Kickin' it Up Headed for the ball, Derek Shiflett runs to take on a fellow classmate in a game of soccer during gym class. Freshmen classes covered a variety of different sports including football, softball and la-crosse. Rainy days provided an opportunity for free time in the gym to walk with friends or play games of basketball... or in this case, soccer! *Photo by Kelly Combs.*



Warm Up Time Daily stretching and warm-ups was a necessary part of all gym classes. Jennifer Brendel laughs with friends during a stretching exercise in her freshmen gym class. Stretching helped to prevent injuries during P.E. activities such as fitness tests and running. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*



It was for the physically adept, the one's who could endure the pain, the one's who went for the glory. They were the sports teams, who practiced long hours, tried their best, and came out winners this season. Five out of six of Stafford High School's sports teams won titles, from the boy's cross country's AAA state championship title, to the girl's field hockey win at districts. Coach Pete Gorfida of cross country said that "the word that best describes the reaction from the whole team is 'great'!"

Chad Martin describes sports as "a good way to release energy. The best thing about being on a team is knowing that there are others who have the same problems as you." Students were a part of various sport's teams found within the school, some even participating in multiple sports. Jenny Connelly explained that by being involved in sports "it keeps me in shape." Lisa Stidham proudly stated that "I'm a Ninja. Sports is a fun thing in which I have a blast. I'm going to be in the Olympics in 2000 in Sydney, Australia."

Being involved in sports took much determination and dedication. The hard work and success paid off however, with the numerous wins from the sports teams, including the Bell being brought back from North Stafford High School. *Story by Gina More.*



More Than Just Winning

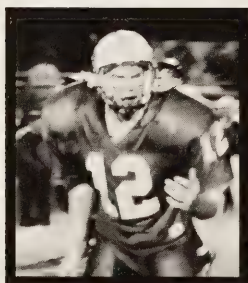
Here comes the Hot Stepper! Going wide to avoid tacklers, Eddie Johnson picks up some major yardage for the Indians. Eddie was one of the teams most formidable players mainly due to his consistency. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Cranium Crashing

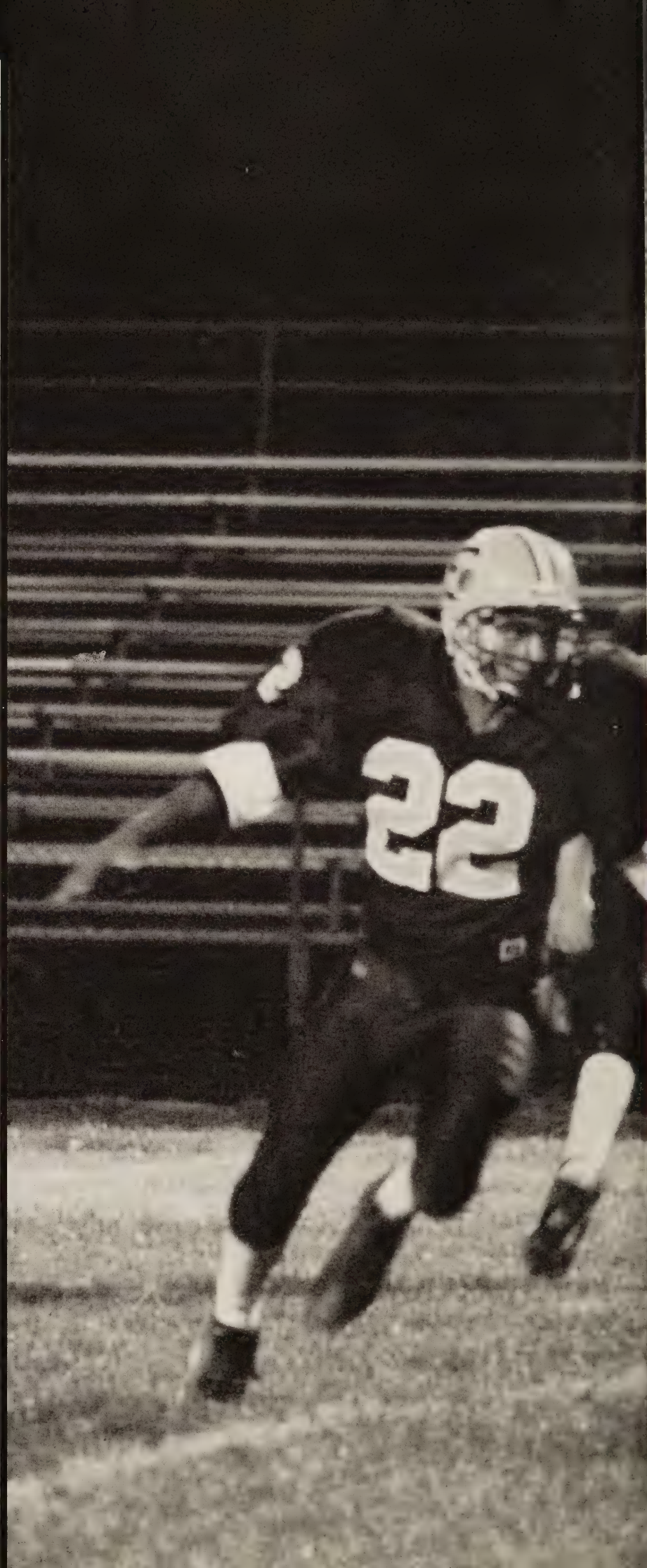
The immensely overpacked parking lot, the smell of the microwaved hot dogs, the aroma of the hot chocolate, the raving fans; this is evidently a notorious Stafford High Football game. Every fall the courageous players of the varsity football team put forth their best to lead Stafford to the best record they can achieve. Every Friday night when the guys played at home, nearly every Stafford student could be found at the Lloyd Bush Stadium. "Watching football soothes my inner spirit," proclaimed freshman Shane Grizzle. Big man Brian McKinney inspired the whole team with his infinite omniscient words, "You are good when you do what is required of you, but you are the best when you do more than is required of you." But, not everybody came to the games to watch the game, for some the football games were just a huge social event. Chris Kraus said it best when he said, "We started off right, and ended right. It's just the part in the middle that we gotta work on." The team won their first and last games, but unfortunately had no success in the other eight games. The silver bell was returned to Stafford after the football team beat North Stafford in the big end of the year rival game. The varsity football games not only provided great football excitement, but also were a great way to get free mini footballs and a good chance to get together with a whole slew of your friends. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*



Go Team Go Standing on the sideline Varsity Coach John Kraus and Freshmen Coach John "Sticky Fingaz" Agnew watch their players. The rest of the team showed their support by putting all eyes on the field. *Photo By Ben Malay.*



What's The Play? Looking to his teammate, Jay Schmitz yells to Josh Chamberlain. *Photo by Ben Malay.*





At The Line The Indian offense faces their opponents. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Set, Hit-Hit HIKE!! Getting ready to put all their force forth, the defensive squad prepares for a sack. The Indians defense proved to be a surprise to the opponent as they squashed many a running back. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Varsity Football

Front Row: Craig Branham, Micheal Schroth, Sean Sullivan, Shawn Byrne, David Friel, Randy Kleist, Matt Bailey, Jason Lomax, Eddie Johnson, Tony Hamrick, Ryan Muhlenkamp **Second Row:** Charles Henderson, Josh Chamberlain, Drew Penny, Charlie Gorham, David Dougan, Mike Donaldson, Brian Satterwite, Paul Deal, Chris Kraus, Gerard Nelson, Vernon Galyen **Third Row:** Jerome Hill, Brian McKinney, Tim Powell, Brett Holman, Malcolm Waddy, Jay Schmitz, Scott Crouch, Jeremy Shelton, Tavis Saunders, Matt Dursa, Dwayne Wallace

Varsity Football Schedule

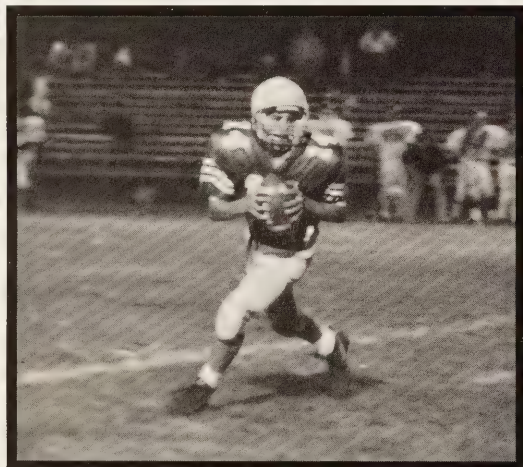
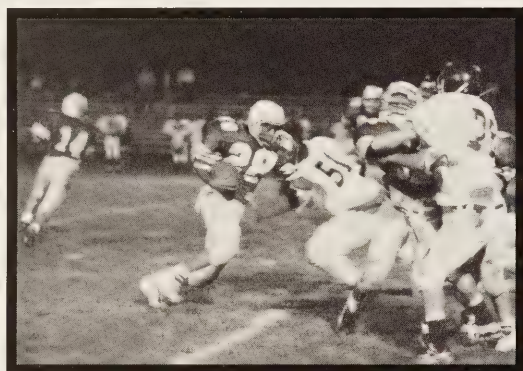
Osborn Park
Woodbridge
Bishop McNamara
James Monroe
King George
Brooke Point
Culpeper
Chancellor
Courtland (Homecoming)
North Stafford

Working hard

The Junior Varsity football team started the season with hard work and much determination. Starting in the beginning of August the players began practicing for their much anticipated season. All of the players displayed much heart throughout games and practices. William Keiner thoughtfully said, "I think the players appear to be having a great time." Many fans came to the games to support and cheer for their J.V. and Freshman Indians.

"I think the players on J.V. are gaining a lot of experience and are working really hard," exclaimed Steven Cull. The teams continuously practiced and worked towards the goal of having a winning season. The teams came together and played aggressively in all of their games and had a very challenging yet exciting season! The Freshman squad worked hard to impress the eyes of fans and coaches during their first year at Stafford. The upcoming players used all the skills they had previously learned and combined them with those taught to them by their new coaches. All the players displayed great endurance throughout the season and are looking forward to moving up in the ranks of Stafford Indian football. *Story by Sean Farmer.*

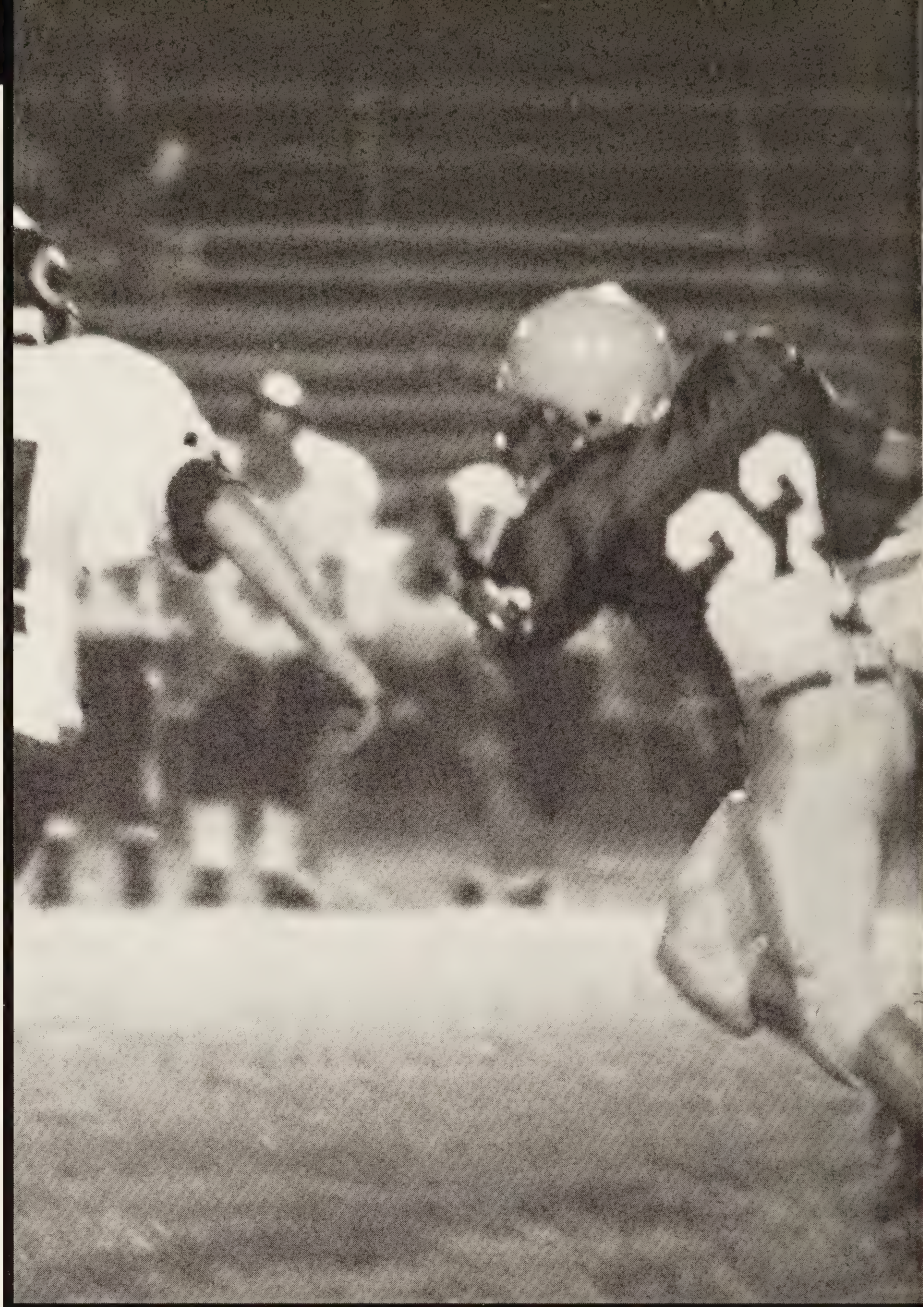
Turning the Corner Devon Greene launches a run around a crushing block, going for a possible Indian touchdown. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



On the Move Sprinting from the pocket, quarterback Jeff Swidrak prepares to launch a pass. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Alrighty Then! Receiving instructions from Coach Hall, David Matthews catches his breath during a timeout. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Photo by Mark Hughes.





Far Left:
Into the Great Wide Open Quickly breaking into the open field Beau Peyton rushes onwards towards the Indian end zone.
Photo by Mark Hughes.

Yer mine baby! Waiting patiently to put forth a dominant defensive attack, the defensive line stares into the eyes of the opposing players. Photo by Mark Hughes.

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

Front Row: Matt Monteiro, Brandon Yonts, Wes Shepard, Jeff Swidrak, Danny Shiflett, Steve Borroughs, Chris Burton, Kenny Aubrey, Bob Mullen, GG Bean **Second Row:** Steve Love, Christian French, Brandon Brooker, Brandon Smith, Mike Sullivan, Adam Lester, Jason Turner, Devon Green, DJ Eagal, Eric Hudson **Third Row:** Matt Matter, Chris Dawning, Dan Mullins, Constantin Langa, Robbie Cornwell, Jason Simpson, Charlie Ward, David Mathews, Kevin Tobey, Justin Harrison

Freshmen Football Schedule

Osborn Park
Woodbridge
Bishop McNamara
Albemarle
Brooke Point
Culpeper
Chancellor
Courtland
North Stafford

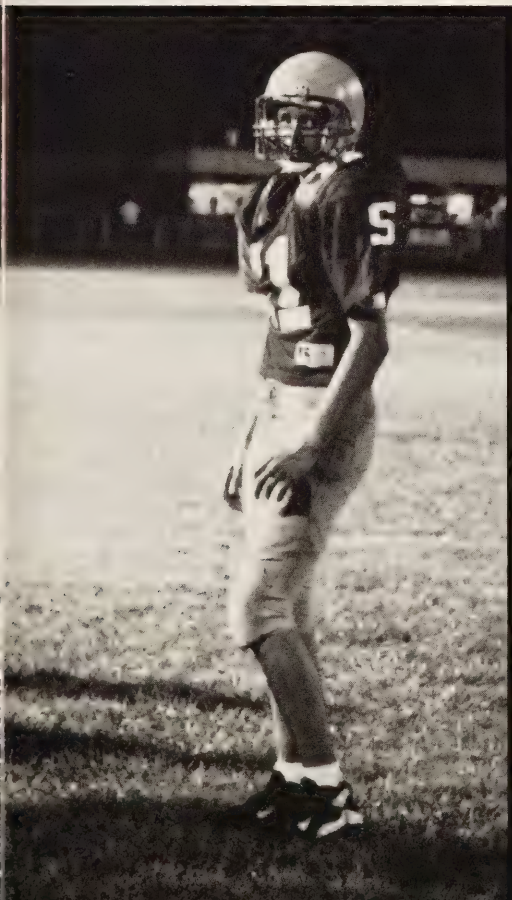


JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Front row: Brad Rurrus, Josh Bailey, Kyle Rose, Tony DiMaio, Edwin Burton, Beau Peyton, Chuck Shackleford, Jamie Atwell
Second Row: Travis Foss, David Behrn, Matt Cribb, Eugene Schevets, Craig Brooks, Derek Mullins, Chris Hilleary, Jimmy Barr
Third row: Reese Banks, Chris Shiflett, Chris Cox, Josh Compton, Kenton Conlee, Justin Epperson, Randy Kleist, Warren Payne

JV Football Schedule

Osborn Park
Woodbridge
Bishop McNamara
James Monroe
Albemarle
Brooke Point
Culpeper
Chancellor
Courtland



With long practices and determination the band was ready to perform.

Getting it In Sync

"Go greased lightning!" Marching band had a really good year. Their performance on the field was a flashback to the fifties. Their show was based on the Broadway musical *Grease*. The crowd listening to popular tunes like "Summer Nights" and "The Hand Jive." Crystal Chavonelle added that "the marching band is what keeps me going to the football games-I watch them more than the game." Many students participate in the band. It is directed by Mr. Hite. Rita Botts feels that "the discipline is really good." Other members shared their feelings about band. Anne Davidson said that "the practices are really hard and time-consuming but the competitions are fun and the trips make it worth it." The band participated in five competitions this year, including a national competition in Florida. Melanie Allen shared that "it's really awesome to go to a competition and hear 'Stafford High School-superior and realize what all the hard work was for."

In addition to the actual band there are two groups of visual aides. The Color Guard, and the Majorettes. Carol Hite is the director of the Color Guard. She explained that "basically their main job this year has been selling the show and to have fun." Laura Hickman said "I enjoy color guard because it gives me the chance to be with my friends and travel to different competitions." The band has two majorettes. One of them, Allison Shepard, told me why she enjoys twirling for the band performances. "It's an excellent atmosphere. We're all like a big family, and they're all supportive."

The band this year has definitely been "in sync." They had a great year, and their performance added life to the games. Marching band has once again completed a successful season, and continue going strong. *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*

Drummer Boy. Marching to the beat, John Gayle concentrates on the music. Marching band practiced after school Tuesday through Thursday from 2:30-4:30. Drummers had to work hard in order to keep time with the music.

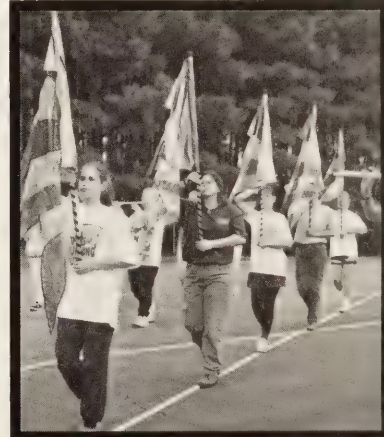
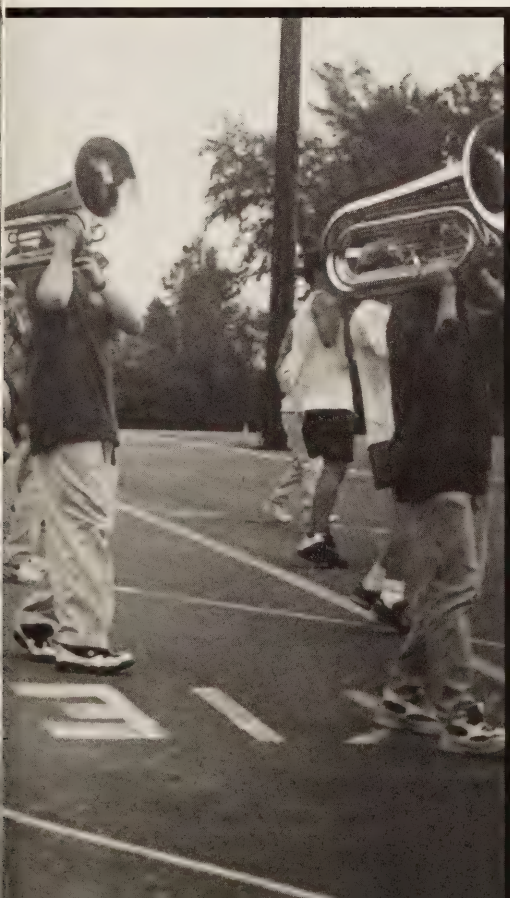
Photo by Jessica Rose.



Horning in on the Performance. Tooting her horn, Cristi Markham concentrates on her performance. Marching Band was the halftime show for football games. They performed music from the hit musical Grease. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

MARCHING BAND

Front Row: Allison Shepard, Jonmark Sullivan, Jarred Newton, Samuel Vegas, Karen Tyler, Chris Cahill, Leo Manster, Heather Benett, Garrett Green, Joey Marena, Ben Wooner, Nick Powers, John Gayle, Chris Mayden, Schlotte Kordich.
Second Row: Stephanie Skeen, Sara Wood, Christine Oulette, Angela Carneal, Rebecca McIntosh, Anne Davidson, Melanie Allen, Mary Anne DiMaio, Meredith Leipold, Angie Steward, Rebecca Swift, Michelle Otis, Laura Gardner, Cathy Adams, Megan Taylor, Jennifer Phelps, Lindsay Lemoin, Sara Stamps, LJ Johnson, Tiffany Rutland
Third Row: Christine Throne, Melanie Hill, Kim Beales, Sean Mullins, Jenell Pedriguez, Karen Mann, Tyler Horn, Tim Stello, Magen Tator
Fourth Row: Sara Jane, Kate Nuckols, Mike Barnum, Tim Brennan, Cristi Markham, Stacy Arran, Emily Driver, Kelly Self, Amy Mann, Brandon Jennings, Kyle Boutgen, Tiffany Hill, Tracey Beard, Joni Allen, Jon Barnum, Elizabeth Holland, Melissa Skeen
Fifth Row: Sharene Marsh, John Rapler
Sixth Row: Mike Whitney, Kevin Cotter, Curtis Calheen, Joshua Farrar, Mike Payne, Josh Early, Robbi Santell, Heather Howe, Laura Hickman



Leader of the Pack. Taking charge, Laura Hickman runs the flag core through their routine. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*

What a Blast! Blaring his baritone, Kevin Cotter puts his all into his performance. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Close but no cigar...

After a great regular season, Stafford's finest suffered a disappointing 2-1 loss to Woodbridge, but gained some respect for their victory in district competition. After a valiant attempt, defeat struck Coach Wheelbarger and her Indian field hockey stars for a second straight year in the regional competition.

"We worked really hard; it was very disappointing to see our season end the way that it did, especially to us seniors," commented Kelly Combs, varsity field hockey right forward.

With many accomplishments throughout the regular season, the team finished the year with fourteen wins and only four losses. The hard work of all the girls was obviously shown in the amazing fact that only seven goals were allowed during the regular season. They gave a repeat performance by only allowing three goals in the postseason to combine for a grand total of only ten goals all year. They also had the most shut-outs of any team in the region.

"I enjoyed working with all the of the girls on the team, we teach each other so much. And not just about hockey," described senior captain Amy Piester.

Despite the loss to Woodbridge in regionals, our ladies did what some may consider the most important thing they could have done. As payback for last year, they defeated North Stafford for the District Championship. Unfortunately, our ladies don't get to smoke their cigars. Maybe next year those smuggled Cuban imports won't go to waste. *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*

Girl fight!! Grappling with another a Woodbridge player, Katie Kolakowski fights for the ball. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Goin' for the goal. Running downfield, Erin Ryan goes for a goal in hopes of leading her team to a victory. Victories came easy to our ladies this year under the masterful tutelage of Coach Wheelbarger. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Into the great wide open... Dribbling the ball, Stephanie Heffernan drives downfield undefended. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Just say you're scared



Stickin' it to 'em. Chasing down the ball, Sara Philpot helps lead Stafford to another successful season on the big, green, sort of grassy field hockey field. The ladies had an incredible season and won the district banner. Congratulations to all players!! Photo by Mark Hughes.

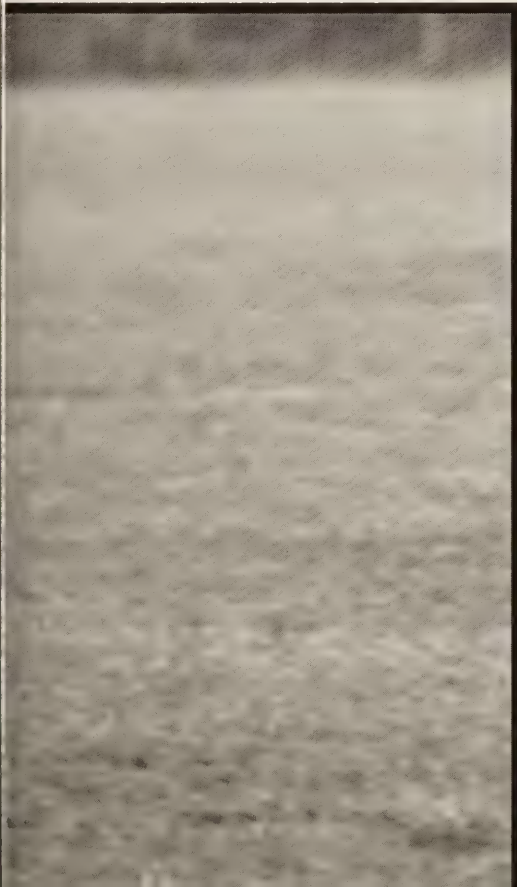
VARSITY FIELDHOCKEY

Front Row: Amanda Evanss, Amy Peister, Erin Ryan **Second Row:** Kelly Combs, Jenny Conelly, Katie Kolakowski, Crystal Carper, Amy Butler Angela Roberts, Darla Stevens **Third Row:** Kris Denson, Becky Doyle, Elizabeth Campell, Rita Stevens, Lindsay Coker, Sara Phillpott



James Monroe	W	2-0
Culpeper	W	2-1
Brooke Point	W	2-1
Chancellor	W	3-0
Woodbridge	W	3-0
James Monroe	L	0-1
Courtland	W	3-0
Culpeper	W	6-1
North Stafford	L	0-1
Brooke Point	W	1-2
Chancellor	W	2-0
Woodbridge	W	2-0
Courtland	W	3-0
North Stafford	W	2-1
District Tournament		
Brooke Point	W	1-0
North Stafford	W	1-0
Regional Tournament		
Woodbridge	L	1-2

Highlights - Won Commonwealth District Tournament, 1st team All District Crystal carper, Katie Kolakowski, Amy Piester, Kris Denson. 1st Team All Area Crystal Carper, Katie Kolakowski, Kris Denson



JUNIOR VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Front Row: Meagan Hanson, Bonnie Combs, Allison Derr, Stephanie Trant, Jamie Hillian, Bobbie Decateur **Second Row:** Chrissy Buck, Kristi Carter, Sara Hatcher, Betsy Decateur, Amber Sullivan, Jan Augustine, Stephanie Heffernan **Third Row:** Jessica Moore, Jennifer McPartland, Meagan Wilson, Amanda Lee, Colleen Cooney, Jenn Stockdill

James Monroe	L	0-1
Culpeper		Rain-out
Brooke Point	W	2-0
Chancellor	T	0-0
Woodbridge	W	2-0
James Monroe	W	3-0
Courtland	W	2-0
Culpeper	T	0-0
North Stafford	W	2-1
Brooke Point	W	2-1
Chancellor	T	0-0
Woodbridge	T	0-0
Courtland	W	3-1
North Stafford	W	1-0

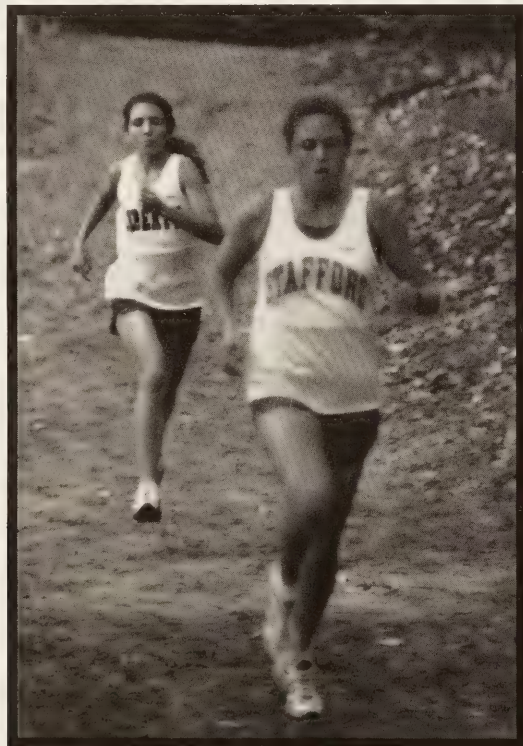
Life in the fast lane

The boy's and girl's Cross Country teams were busy this year with strenuous practices and meets. Running the rugged terrain kept them in great shape. The cold weather didn't stop the runners from doing their best and keeping up with other schools. "We are a really close team, so practices go well," said Edith Taylor.

While some of us were keeping warm, Cross Country runners were putting on their stocking caps and gloves, and heading for the trails. The girl's season had a terrific start with being undefeated in dual meets and placing extremely well in the others. The girls finished the year winning the district banner. "Coach Ochletree, or 'Coach O', according to the team, pushed the team because he knew what was good for the team's success," added Edith Taylor. "I really have a lot of respect for Cross Country runners," stated Crystal Tussing. "I could never get out there and do what they do," she said.

The boys team began their season by winning two Invitations and they continued their success throughout the year finishing first in the district. The boys then were upset by Woodbridge to finish second in the Regional finals, but pull it together to win the State finals. Jason Trant and Tom Sitzman recalled when they "stomped" Courtland with the help of the Field Hockey team. "Every time we ran by the Field Hockey players, they would stop and cheer for us." *Story by Danielle King.*

Keeping Up the Pace Tom Sitzman speeds along with Carl Cabannis not far behind. The boy's Cross Country team had an outstanding season. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Speeding Up Speeding ahead of one of her opponents, Beth Goodall leaves the others behind. All the pressure resulted in a good team and a victory in the District Championship.

Photo by Mark Hughes.





Hurry! At the starting line, Dustin Hood, Jason Trant, Tom Sitzman, Carl Cabannis, and Kevin Ollette try to break from the pack at the Stafford Invitational. The team finish in first place in the meet. Congratulations on being the State Champions *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row: Eric Lunney, Carl Cabaniss, Kevin Breen, Thomas Daly, Jesse Kitis **Second Row:** Jason Trant, Dustin Hood, Tom Sitzman, Tommy Wilson, Micheal Crossnicker, Ben Whitford **Third Row:** Mike Kozicki, Kevin Ouellette, Patrick Cross, Tom Marlow, Coach Pete Gorfida



Chancellor Invitational	1st place.
North Stafford	J.V. Lost.
Judges Classic Handley	2nd place.
Courtland	J.V. Won.
Great Meadows	1st place.
Brooke Point	J.V. Lost.
Albermarle	1st place.
Culpeper	J.V. Won.
Chancellor	J.V. Won.
Stafford Invitational	1st place.
District	1st place.
Regional	2nd place.
State	1st place.

Highlights: Won Commonwealth District Meet for the 2nd year in a row (3 out of the past 4 years) with 7 All-District runners. Won the state AAA Boys Meet (1st time for a Stafford Boy's team). Dustin Hood and Jason Trant were All-State runners. Finished 18th in the nation, based on USA Today and Foot Locker National Ranking.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row: Christie Doubel, Linday Hession, Renee Griffith, Belicia Rivers, Emily Godfrey Jill Stong, Elizabeth Kincaid **Second Row:** Coach Ocheltree, Allyn Hood, Amy Cascio, Sam Hall, Lisa Chinn, Genny Scherens, Edith Taylor

Girls Cross Country Schedule

Chancellor Invit.
North Stafford
Judges Classic-handley
Courtland
Great Meadows
Brooke Point
William & Mary Invit.
Culpeper
Chancellor
Stafford Invit.
District-Loriella Park
Regional
State-Great Meadows

High Swingin' Jenny Witter swings at the tennis ball during a meet at home. The tennis team won the district title and finished second at regionals. Jenny Witter held the first seat at Districts.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Two District Champs

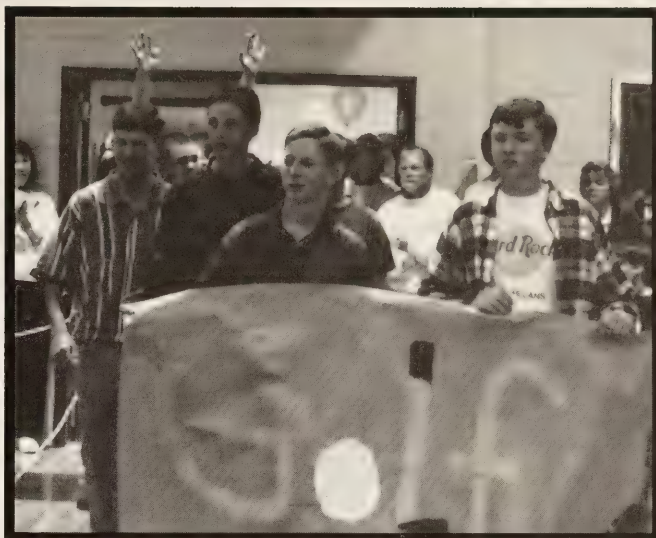
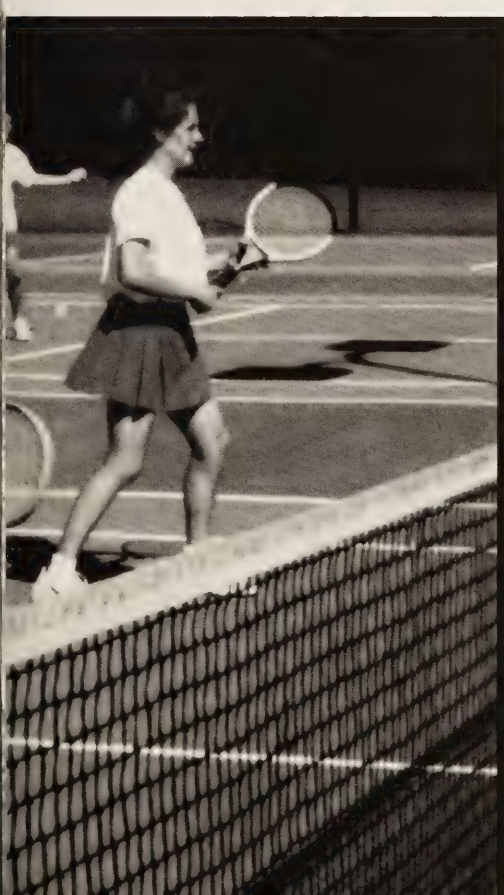
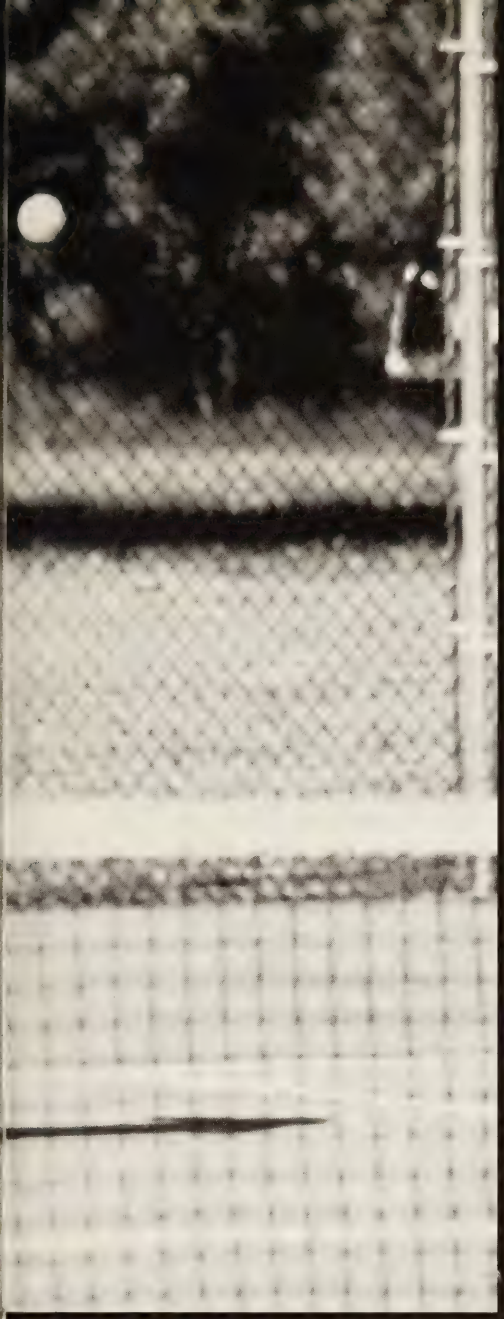
The fall sports' season was a successful one for the tennis and golf teams. Although often taking a backseat to football, these two fall sports teams were quietly making headlines and celebrating victories of their own.

The tennis team was 12 and 2 this year, winning districts and going on to regional competition. Tia Campbell, a senior member of the team, thought that the team was very close and very focused on what they wanted to accomplish. The teamwork helped them to reach their goals more easily. Whitney Eck concluded, "we had a pretty good season."

The golf team won the district title again this year, making this the third straight year. "We were 10 and 0," said Shane Musselman, "we had a good regular season and then we went on and won districts again." Along with many of this year's team members, Shane was a senior and was glad to finish his last season here successfully. Those, like P.J. Cox, who was a sophomore this year, are looking forward to further his success next two years at Stafford. It was a great season for all! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*

Fun in the Sun All smiles before a meet, Robin Jones laughs as she hits the ball. For some, a relaxed practice and just having fun were the keys to a good meet. The tennis team had a successful season and finished with a good record once again. *Photo by Carol Smith.*





Par for the Course

The golf team enters the gym at a pep rally amongst the other fall sports teams. Participating in fall sports meant earning a place among the parade of athletes during the pep rallies. The golf team finished their season as **District Champs**. Photo by Rita Stevens.

GIRLS TENNIS

Front Row: Robin Jones, Tia Campbell, Becky Bricken, Kristin Lichtenfelts **Second Row:** Whitney Eck, Ashley Sisson, Andi Bordick, Kari Fredette, Jenny Whitter, Dacia Goldman, Caren Stoelker, Cindy Vanderburg



Girl's Tennis Schedule

North Stafford
Stafford Invit.
Collegiate
Courtland
Brooke Point
Culpeper
Chancellor
North Stafford
Courtland
Albemarle
Brooke Point
Culpeper
Chancellor
District



GOLF

Front Row: Ben Sehl, Corey Davis, Steve Clark, Jonathan Truslow, Ross Duvall. **Middle Row:** Kimberly Bradley, Kurt Chewning, Jay Spitler, Adam Dowling. **Back Row:** Chuck Harris, Jimmy Delp, Shane Musselman, P.J. Cox.

Team	Wins	Losses	Overall Points
Stafford	10	0	88-10 20

District Results

Stafford 160	CRT 172	BP 200
Stafford 160	CRT 189	CHN 190
Stafford 162	NS 207	BP 210
Stafford 149	CUL 165	CHN 182
Stafford 159	CUL 170	NS 179

Tournaments

Halifax Open	3rd	12 Teams
Heritage Open	5th	19 Teams
Quantico Open	5th	43 Teams

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT CHAMPION

All-District Players

Corey Davis Chuck Harris
Jimmy Delp Steve Clark

All-Region Player --- Chuck Harris

Practice Makes Perfect Kristin Lichtenfelt and Whitney Eck warm up before a meet. Photo by Carol Smith.

CHEERLEADING

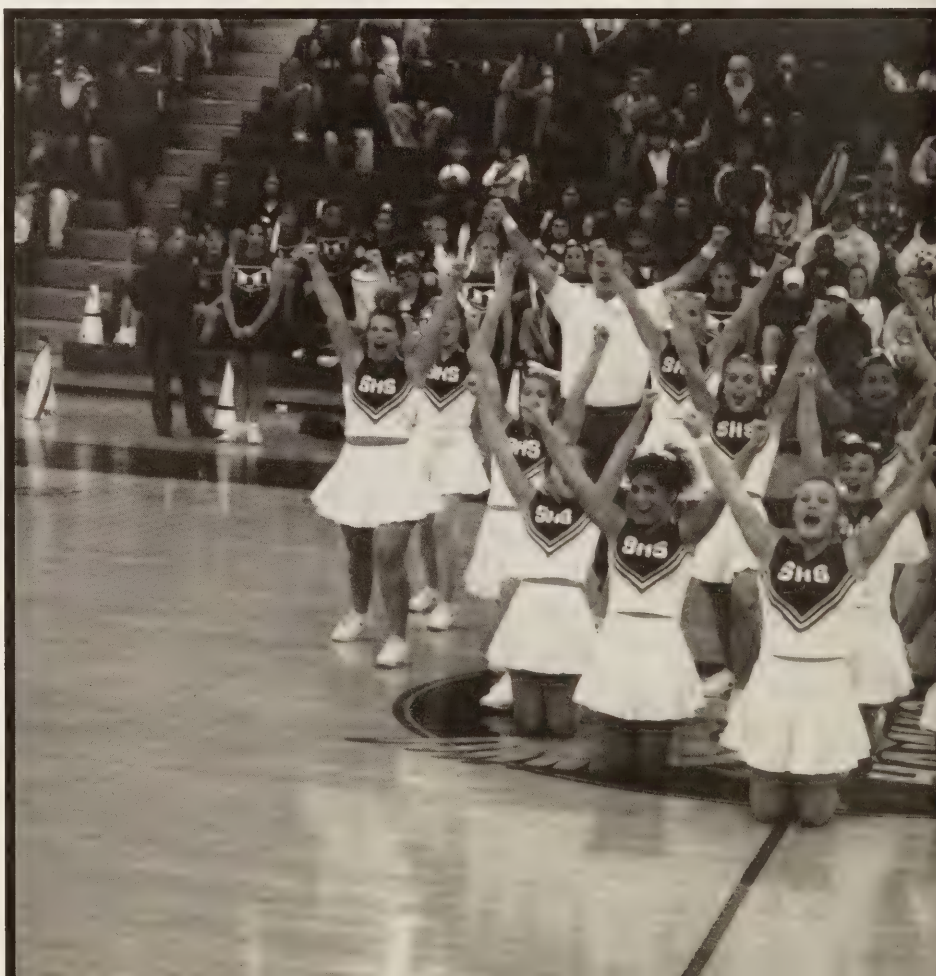
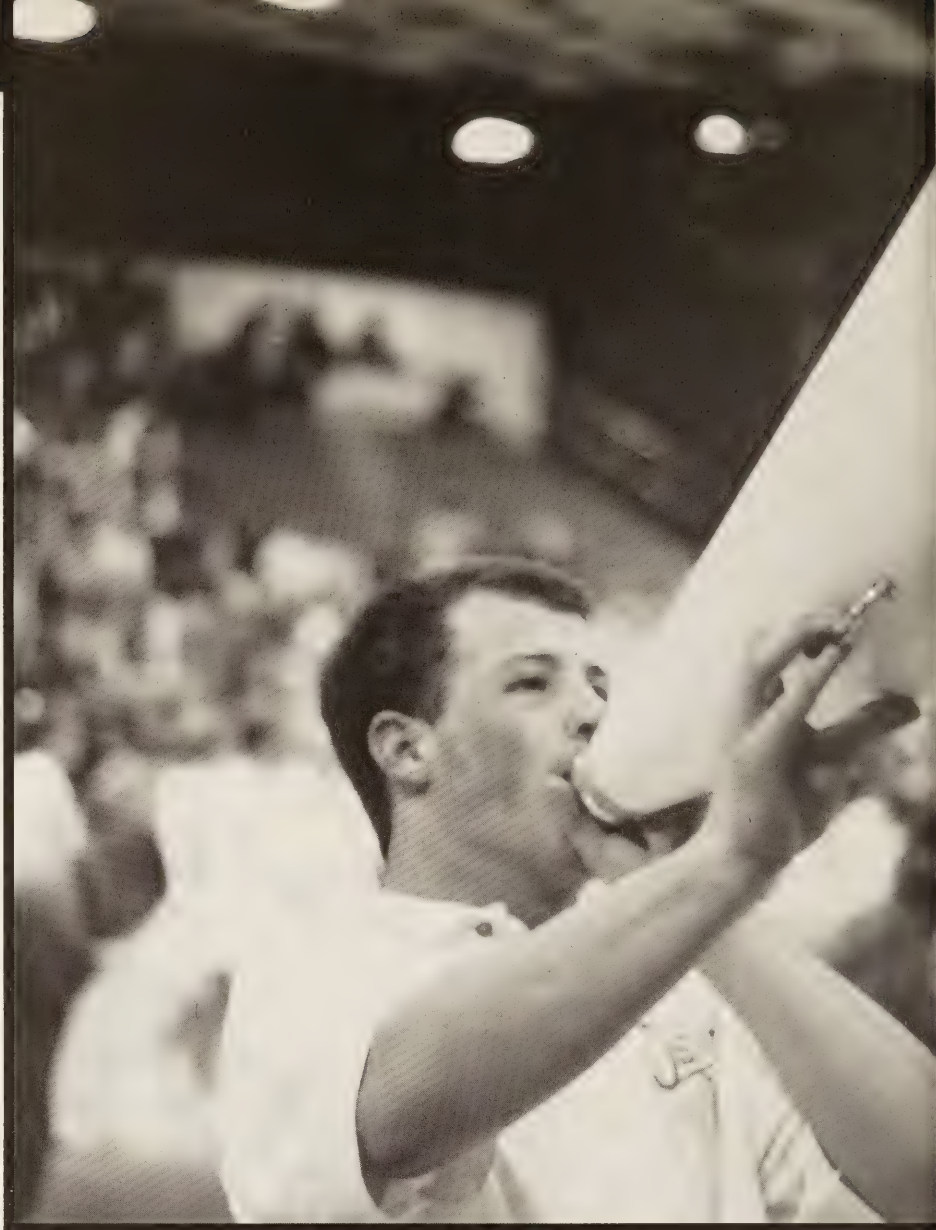
Getting spirit.

The varsity cheerleading squad was always there to encourage school spirit in Stafford's students. They were there to pump up the crowd at every game, no matter what. The varsity cheerleaders also excited the crowd at pep rallies. "Cheerleading takes a lot of dedication and we all give 110%," said Kim Cooper. That was certainly true because the cheerleading season started in the summer, including a stay at a cheerleading camp at Old Dominion University and ended the following spring. The squad learned new cheers and worked on stunts with the two male cheerleaders, Brandon Ratliffe and Aaron Prowett, who declared, "we will kick butt and take names [during competitions]!" This year the squad was working towards winning Districts (February 26). Sarah Evans said, "last year Brooke Point beat us but this year we're out to win." They practiced hard, sometimes before school. The varsity cheerleaders were determined and judging by the way they worked, definitely had a winning spirit. "Cheerleading takes a lot out of a person, we work all year long just to keep our school psyched!" explained Christy Stoner. Winning districts would be an accomplishment to cherish that was all their own. The squad all had good attitudes, and had grown close over the months of working together. Knowing each other so well helped them work together as a unit. "Cheerleading isn't all fun and games. We do a lot of hard work too," said Nadya Lieb. Like any other athletic team, the cheering squad worked hard to make this year memorable for all the students. Summing up the season, Rebecca Kimmritz, Sarah Evans, Beth Patton, and Christy Stoner (senior cheerleaders) declared that, "Cheerleading has been awesome and we'll never forget any of it." *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*

All Right! Performing the cheer, Kim Cooper pumps up the crowd. The cheerleaders performance during football games added to the excitement felt by fans. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



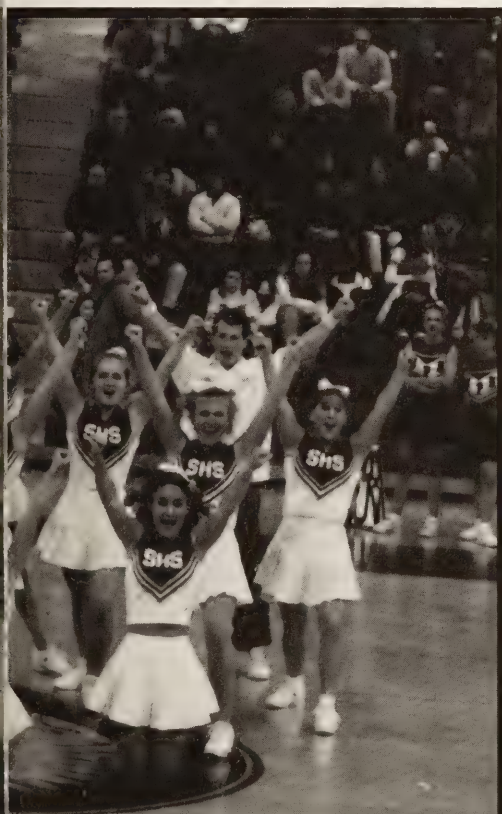
Go Team! Jointly hitting their high Vs, the varsity cheerleaders complete their cheer. In addition to doing sideline cheers during games, the girls would also perform a cheer between quarters at basketball games. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Let's Go! Yelling through his megaphone, Brandon Ratliff leads the audience in a cheer. The two male cheerleaders, Brandon Ratliff and Aaron Prowett, were a nice addition to the squad. They were able to assist in leading cheers and doing lifts for various stunts. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Ummm. Raising her brows Beth Patton thinks of another cheer to start. Beginning in the summer, the squad learned numerous cheers to lead the crowd in. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Yeah! Hitting her low V, Rebecca Kimmitz smiles at the audience. The varsity cheerleaders worked hard to get the crowd pumped at basketball games. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Varsity Cheeerleading: *Front Row:* Danielle King, Rebecca Kimmitz, Sarah Evans, Christy Stoner, Kensley Whittler *Second Row:* Kristina Gates, Kristi Moyers, Megan Staab, Beth Paton, Katya Lieb, Jessye Cooley *Third Row:* Aaron Prowett, Joann Fisher, Nadya Lieb, Whitney Lucado, Kristi Dixon, Melissa White, Brandon Ratliffe

CHEERLEADING

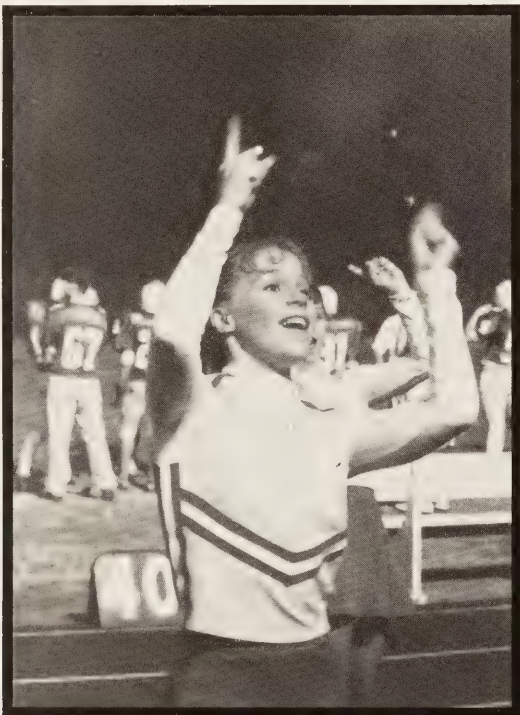
Sideline Cheers

If you were ever present to watch the freshmen and J.V. football and basketball teams, you would surely recognize those perky ponytails and mega-watt smiles lining the sidelines as none other than the freshmen and J.V. cheerleaders. Aside from cheering for our Indians throughout the biggest victories and even the most heart-breaking losses, the cheerleaders take on the huge job of promoting school spirit of their fellow classmates as well as the other athletes they cheered.

"Cheerleading is a lot more work than people think," said Darragh Copley, one of the captains of the J.V. cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders practiced throughout the summer and attended a week of cheerleading camp to prepare for the coming football seasons and continued to cheer on through basketball season. "It does make for a long season," said Adrienne Brown, "but it was worth it, we had a lot of fun."

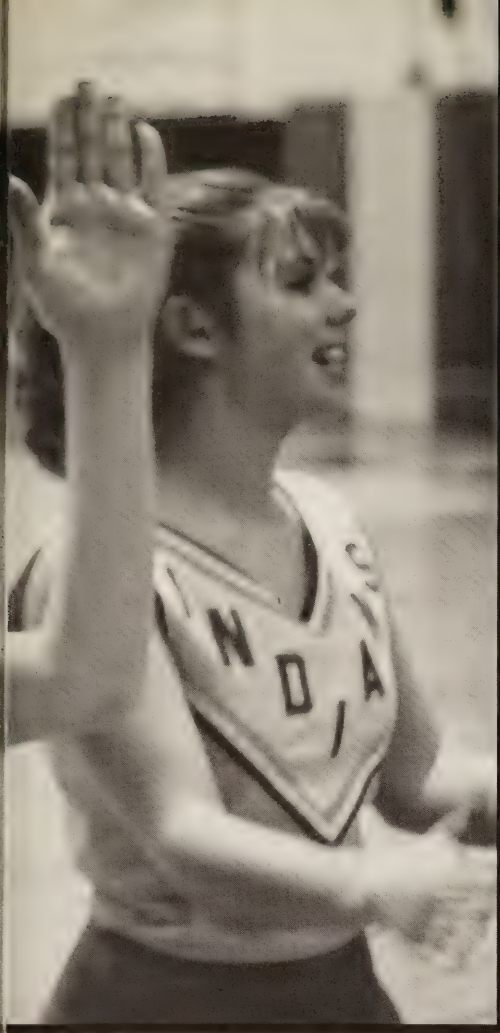
For the freshmen cheerleading squad, getting out in front of the crowd to cheer for the first time could be nerve-wracking, to say the least. "I was really nervous before our first game and then I relaxed a little," said Christy Burton, a freshmen cheerleader. Most agreed that the nerves began to calm a little after another game or two. However, Shannon Barnes, a J.V. cheerleader admitted shyly, "I still get nervous sometimes!" Keeping their anxiety hidden when they needed to, few would ever guess that those peppy, enthusiastic individuals ever got very nervous!

Cheerleading included a lot of hard work and only the most dedicated people to successfully fill the role. Behind the cheerleading skirt, the pom pons and the smiling faces, cheerleaders were relied on to keep the fans happy and to hold true to their commitment to our Stafford High School Indians! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz*



We're Number 1!!! The J.V. season included some tough losses, but the J.V. cheerleaders worked hard all season to keep the moral of the team and the fans in huge gear. Genny Rankin keeps a smile on her face while cheering on the J.V. team at a home football game. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





We say Stafford... Leading the crowd in a cheer, Christy Burton and Justine Rittenour cheer on the freshmen boys during a home basketball game. Getting the crowd involved in the game was a vital part of cheerleading, not to mention, getting the team psyched during each game. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: *Front Row:* Genny Rankin, Darragh Copley, Kristin Dietz, Crystal Tussing *Second Row:* Courtney Blake, Courtney Berry *Third Row:* Nicole Brors, Sarah Hall, Ardienne Brown, Angela Wilson, Shannon Barns *Fourth Row:* Kristy Noel, Melissa Rose, Angela Riolo, Brittany Wood, Amy Parsons



Freshman Cheerleading: *Front Row:* Heather Demco, Jessica Player, Kristi Burton, Tiffany Hite *Second Row:* Justine Rittenour, Bonnie Jones, Kim Farrar, Lindsay Diebold *Third Row:* Vicky Steele, Samantha Wellerman, Brandi Lauderman, Jennifer Garrison, Meagan Grigsby, Amber Carpenter

Let's Go! At a freshmen football game, Lindsey Diebold hits a motion toward the crowd and cheers on the freshmen boys to victory! The freshmen cheerleaders had their first experience cheering during the past football season but were fully in to the swing of things after only a couple games.

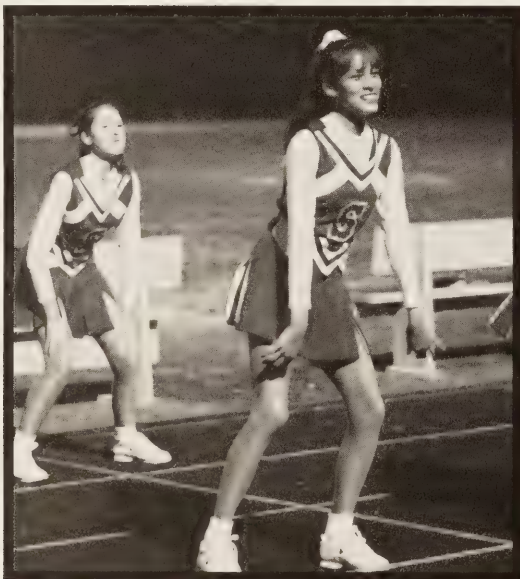
Photo by Mark Hughes.

Pepping it Up Leading the Indianettes in a performance, Katie Roberts epitomizes enthusiasm. The Drill Team created a lot of enthusiasm for spectators at football games. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Getting down to the funky sound

The Drill Team was hard at work, perfecting their routines and performing for the student body. They practiced hard, usually on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 until 4:30. One could see them practicing in the front lobby dancing away to music from a stereo which they had brought along with them. Not only were the Indianettes focused on being the best, they also concentrated on the camaraderie between them. Senior Megan Monroe commented "I've been on the team since freshman year and I really enjoy it because the girls on the team are really close." Katie Russell shared that point of view and said "I love being on the team because we all understand each other and push each other to do our best at all times." The Indianettes were hard working individuals trying to hype up enthusiasm levels, where they could be seen at football games and pep rallies. Without them, the games and pep rallies would not have been half as interesting. *Story by Gina More.*

Smile Pretty During a football game, Allison Rose is part of the Indianette routine. Along with the cheerleaders, the Drill Team pepped up the crowd and motivated the football team to win. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Hyping it Up In the forefront, Jamie Hillian and Amy Cooper perform their routine during a pep rally. The masterful dance routines which they performed were some of the highlights of the pep rallies. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Strike a Pose Performing during half time at a football game, Taryn Jones is an Indianette. The Drill Team practiced rigorously during the school year to be perfect. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Indianettes *Front Row:* Jessica Sleppy, Katie Roberts, Katy Russell, Sarah Jones, Rebecca Washburn, Jamie Hillion *Second Row:* Cristina Brandon, Patty Hurlock, Amy Cooper, Heather McNulty, Meagan Monroe, Carly Renninger, Alexis Young *Third Row:* Katie East, Valerie Thompson, Jenelle Cooke, Kim Murphy, Rebekah Meyers, Jennifer Rollins, Christi Torrice, Melissa Cartegena



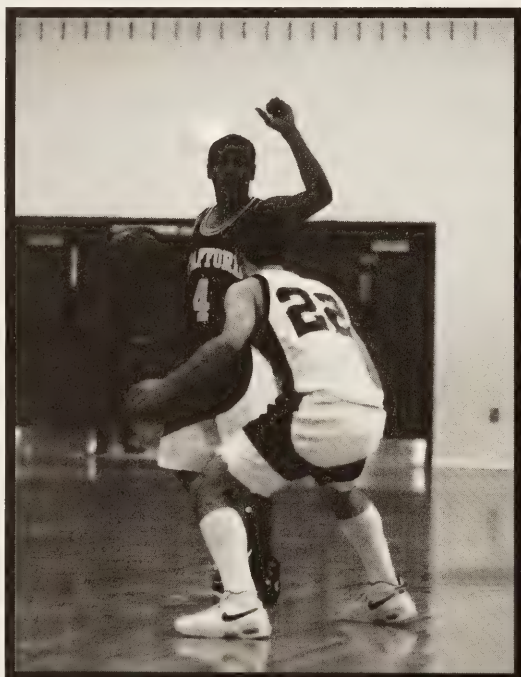
Junior Varsity Indianettes *Front Row:* Lisa Simms, Michelle Sullivan *Second Row:* Kelly Randall, Theresa Arnold, Christy Gillikin *Third Row:* Amy Lesney, Jennifer Stanley, Andrea Dengler, Megan Duvall *Fourth Row:* Desiree Orwat, Taryn Jones, Stephanie Powers, Allison Hales, Allyson Rose

On the Move

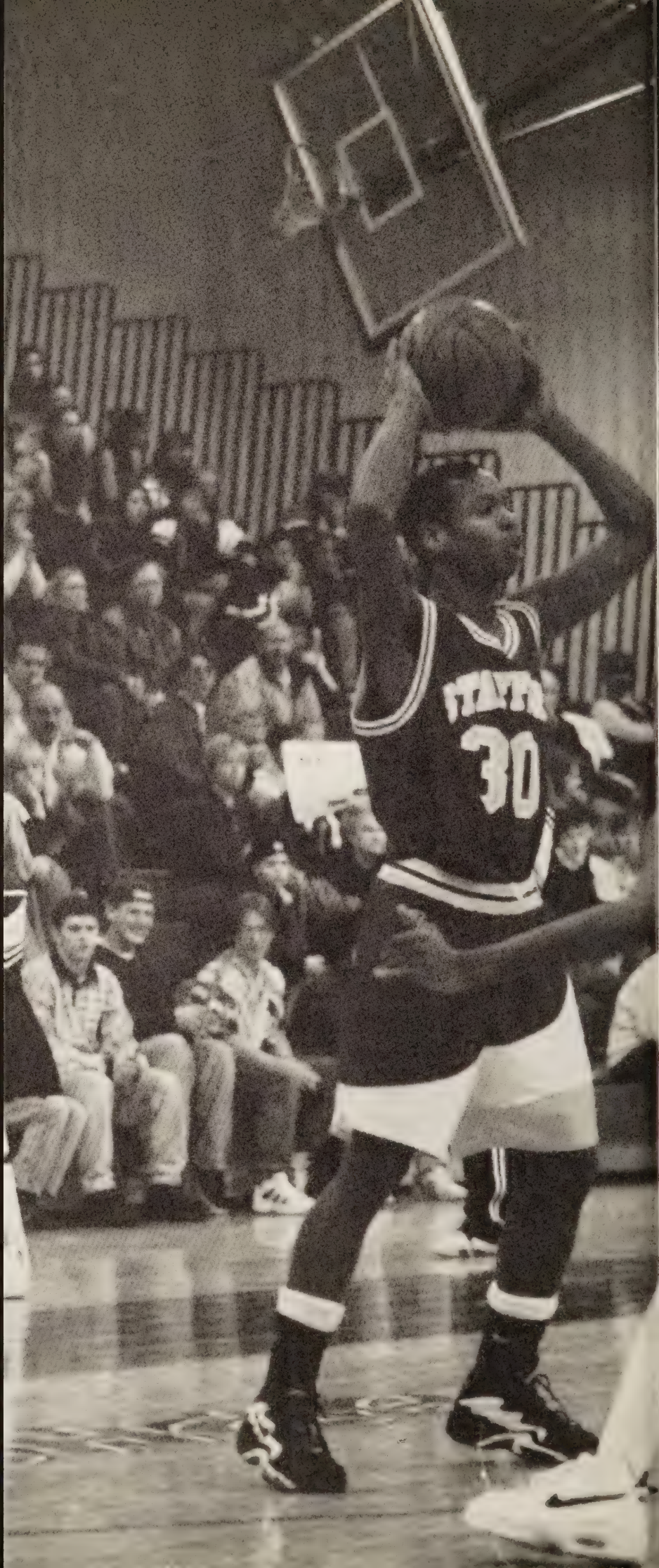
The Boy's Varsity Basketball team had an amazing season with a number of wins and the ability to draw huge crowds on Friday nights. Students and parents alike swarmed to the gym to cheer for the Indian team... and to collect the little yellow basketballs thrown at halftime! "I enjoy going to the games on Friday nights. It's exciting and I get to spend a good time with my friends," said Amber Flippo.

Don't think these guys got so far by luck.. Ohhhhh No! They had practice after practice full of sweat and hard work. Obviously it paid off. Dribbling, passing, and shooting skills were drilled over and over. The different strategies and plays could have been recited in their sleep. "We worked especially hard during our practices this year. I think we did a good job with pulling together as a team towards the end of the season. With districts ahead of us, we knew we had to get it together and ended up going in second in districts," said Alex Doyal. Congratulations on a great season! *Story by Danielle King.*

Heads Up... Yelling a play so that he can make a successful pass, Eric Green looks for an opening among the Brooke Point team. Strategy was important for that game and the guys did a good job of manipulating those birds. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



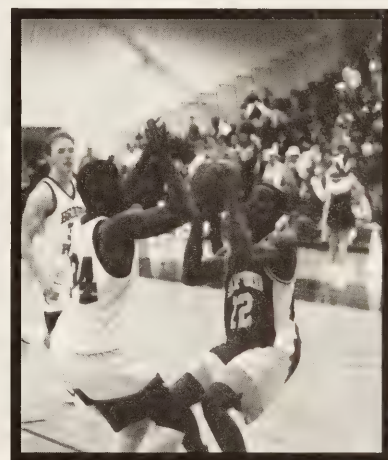
Pass It Looking for a fellow player to pass off the ball, Craig Hughes waves for assistance. The team practiced plays over and over so someone was sure to come to his rescue soon. The boy's team finished with a great overall season and made it to the District games. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Swoosh! Shooting his foul shot, Turner Ashby gains the team yet another point. Every basket helped and against the Black-hawks, the guys wanted all they could get. With such an important game, the victory was even sweeter. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Shoot for Two! Going for a basket, Dwayne Parker bypasses the claws of a Black-hawk player. Known for his three-pointers, Dwayne was a huge asset to the team. Way to go on a great win over Brooke Point victory, boys! *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Varsity Basketball: Jerome Hill, Adam Bray, Dwayne Parker, Eric Greene, Alex Doyal, Scott Crouch, William Keiner, Turner Ashby, Chris Shiflett, Ben Hall, Brett Lively, Mark Nisely

Spotsylvania	W	57-38
Stonewall Jackson	W	59-41
Osborn	L	47-53
Spotsylvania	W	99-76
Stonewall Jackson	L	61-75
Osborn	L	63-65
Osborn Park	L	56-57
Osborn Park	W	67-52
James Monroe	W	66-64
North Stafford	W	55-42
Courtland	L	41-65
James Monroe	W	55-48
Brooke Point	W	57-46
Chancellor	W	58-49
Culpeper	W	75-72
North Stafford	W	48-45
Courtland	L	61-63
Brooke Point	W	63-62
Culpeper	L	48-65
Chancellor	L	67-74

Second Place - Commonwealth District
Dwayne Parker & Eric Greene - first All-District

Shoot for Two! Dribbling down the court, Rudolph Kelly sets up a play for the J.V. team. Josh Chamberlin runs behind him to guard against the other team. The J.V. team worked hard this year to better their record and pull together as a team. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

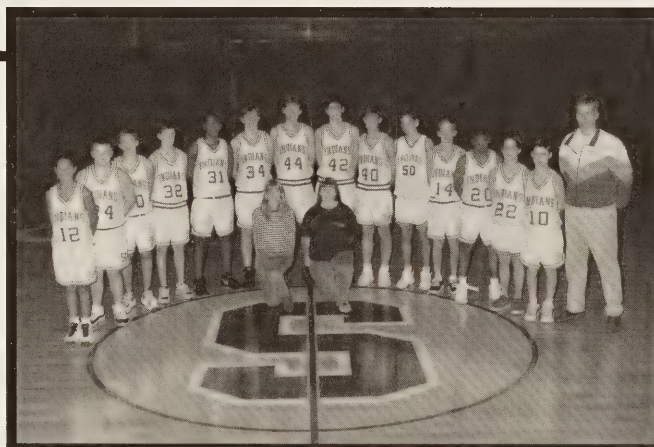


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James Monroe
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North Stafford
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North Stafford
Courtland
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Culpeper
Chancellor

J.V. Basketball: Hugh Parker, Michael Brown, Josh Chamberlin, Chris Downing, Nick Cornwell, Andy Truslow, Andrew Bailey, Bryan Eland, Randy Kleist, Rudolph Kelly



Spotsylvania W
Stonewall Jackson L
Osborn W
Stonewall Jackson L
Osborn W
Osborn Park L
Osborn Park W
Spotsylvania W
North Stafford W
Courtland L
Brooke Point L
Chancellor W
Culpeper L
North Stafford L
Courtland L
Brooke Point W
Culpeper L



Freshmen Basketball: *First Row:* Nancy Kelinski, Elizabeth Griggs *Second Row:* GeGe Bean, Ross Duvall, Ryan McGhee, Brooks Thomas, Corey Auls, Matt Madder, Jeff Cooper, Jay Underwood, Brandon Jennings, John Hammonds, Eric Dowling, Duel Dawson, Hunt Blackburn, M.J. Moyers, Coach Shrader

Hoop Dreams

In the midst of the winter sports season at Stafford, one could find the J.V. and freshmen boys basketball teams dribblin', passin' and always lookin' for a basket! With six basketball teams at Stafford between boys and girls, few times of the year are as hectic as that of basketball season. "It was pretty busy," said M.J. Moyers, a member of the freshmen team, "we really had to make the most of practices if we were gonna be ready for the next game." The addition of three more schools to our district also added to the excitement of the season. Among the added schools were Courtland and Chancellor who brought some tough, but friendly competition for the Indians.

The boys played games on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as occasional Friday night games, not to mention games which had to be made up and fit, with difficulty, into already crowded game schedules, but the boys made it through the season with little trouble, finishing with a combination of exciting wins and disappointing losses. "Hey, you win some, you lose some and that's just how it goes," said Michael Brown of the J.V. team.

Practice makes perfect, as the saying goes. The basketball teams practiced throughout the week in between two or three games a week and also practiced often on weekends. The name of the game was hard work and the boys teams' put in plenty of that, working to create, as well as heighten victories. "We really wanted to get some more wins, but things happen and there's nothing you can do once it's over," said Chris Downing. *Story by Kristen Dietz.*

Shooting Sharp



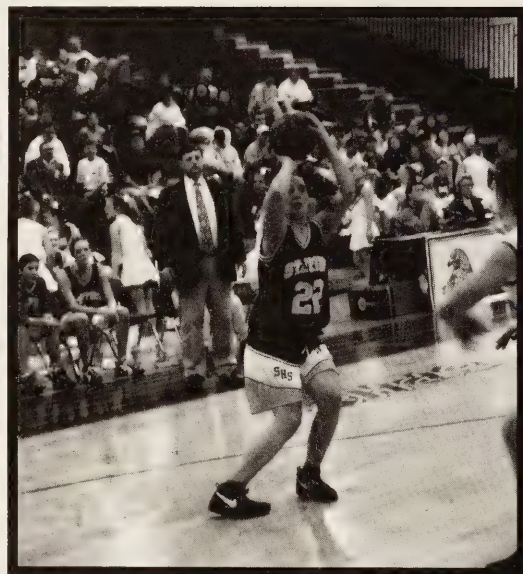
Take it to the Hoop! Going for two, Corey Auls jumps up to shoot a basket for the freshmen team. Mr. Schrader coached the freshmen boys team this past year and led them to some exciting victories. Freshmen year is often a time to find hidden talents and work on perfecting them for future play on J.V. teams. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Swoosh! Josh Chamberlin shoots foul shots during a J.V. basketball game at home. Accuracy from the foul line was an important aspect of the J.V. basketball team's season. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Reaching for the Stars Aiming for the basket Kari Fredette has a heads up on her team mates. At 6' 3" Kari had an edge on her competitors and she worked this to her advantage. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Ruling the Court

The Girls Varsity Basketball team started off with early practices and spent Saturday mornings working on techniques. The team stuck together and always seemed to easily pull out a win, working their way to District champions. Working together was a key element in their success and their extra time practicing paid off. Kris Denson, a senior member of the Girls Varsity team said, "Each of us learned our individual roles we needed to obtain. As a result, our season flew by with continuous District wins." However winning wasn't the only thing this team could do. Many friendships were made in the process. "I know at the beginning the coaches were worried because we were all so different individually" said Amy Cascio who concluded "but hey, we won!" Whether it was the wins or the friends made these district champs had a successful year. *Story by Dacia Goldman.*



Concentration is the Key

Lining up the ball for a shot Kris Denson holds her breath. Shooting the ball was a task that may seem like an easy thing to do but as the basketball players found out it took a lot of concentration to keep the fans loud shouts from distracting the players. *Photo by Andi Bordick.*

Shooting for Two





Making a little pass
Looking for a teammate close by, Colleen Cooney looks to someone to pass to. The girls team work and determination gave them an edge on the basketball court. Working together was the only way to win and that's exactly what they did. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



The Pressures On A
foul shot. Not always an easy thing. As Amy Cascio concentrates, her team mate Crystal Carper crosses her fingers. It was these foul shots that sometimes gave a one or two point edge to the team, and hitting one foul shot could sometimes mean the game. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



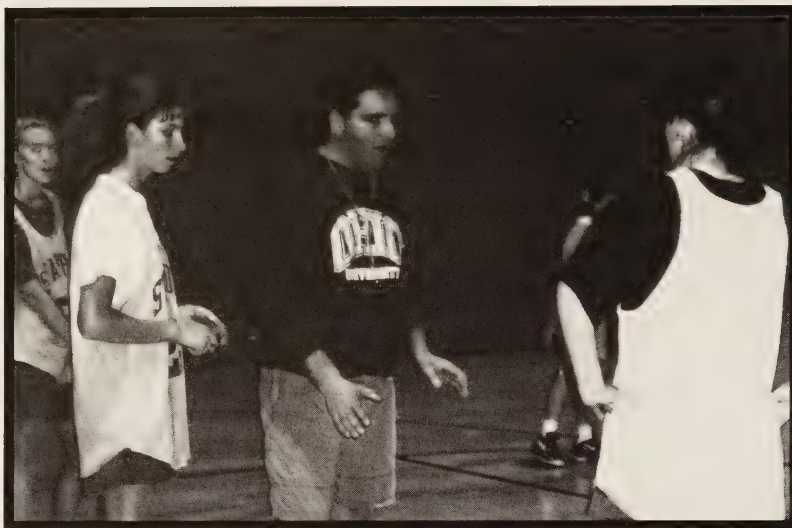
Varsity Basketball: *Front Row:* Crystal Carper, Erika Havasy, Jennifer Brown, Amy Cascio, Amy Hutchins, Colleen Cooney. *Back Row:* Kris Denson, Elizabeth Campbell, Kari Fredette, Becky Doyal, Sabrina Reeve.

Albermarle	L	50-52
Paul VI	W	46-41
Stonewall	W	46-6
Osborn	W	50-37
Albermarle	W	55-35
Stonewall	W	46-17
Osborn	W	51-45
Osborn Park	W	44-30
Osborn Park	W	46-26
Paul VI	L	53-43
Culpeper	W	59-44
North Stafford	W	44-36
Courtland	W	49-45
Brooke Point	W	43-30
Chancellor	W	45-44
North Stafford	W	45-17
Courtland	W	42-30
Brooke Point	W	49-30
Culpeper	L	31-43
Chancellor	L	36-43

It's Like This

As Dana Cantrell and Cory Norbutes watch, Mr. Todd Welker explains a drill to the freshmen basketball team. The freshmen team worked hard not only on their skills, but also on getting to know one another. Becoming a team and learning their teammates' abilities were these players' biggest challenges. Photo by

Kelly Combs.



Albemarle	L	32-36
Paul VI	L	34-46
Stonewall	W	37-13
Osborn Park	W	47-32
Albemarle	W	37-32
Stonewall	W	47-18
Osborn Park	W	41-35
Osborn Park	W	51-31
Osborn Park	W	43-39
Paul VI	L	37-51
Culpeper	W	31-30
Courtland	L	37-41
Brooke Point	L	24-36
Chancellor	L	23-29
North Stafford	W	55-38
North Stafford	W	40-22
Courtland	L	40-29
Chancellor	L	25-18
Brooke Point	L	44-39
Culpeper	L	47-46

JV Basketball: *Front Row:* Betsy Decateur, Sarah Hall, Sara Philpott, Meagan Hanson, Jessica Lee. *Back Row:* Rachael Tuttle, Sara Hatcher, Laura Crigler, Amy Butler, Amanda Summers, Christie Abel, Jenny Witter.



Albemarle	L
Stonewall Jackson	W
Osborn	W
Stonewall Jackson	L
Osborn	W
Osborn Park	L
Osborn Park	L
Paul VI	W
Culpeper	W
North Stafford	W
Courtland	L
Brooke Point	W
Chancellor	L
North Stafford	W
Courtland	L
Brooke Point	W
Culpeper	W

Second Place - Commonwealth District
First Place in the County



Freshman Basketball: *Front Row:* Carrie Loving, April Martinez, Bobbi Decatur, Nikki Kelly, Sam Gentner. *Back Row:* Lindsay Whitestone, Amanda Lee, Sara Bryant, Cory Norbutis, Coach Welker, Dana Cantrelli, Meagan Wilson, Kristin Ripley, Jason Turco

It's Good!

Players learned to make friends and improve their skills at the same time.

Many new faces showed up this year for the girls basketball teams. The freshmen had to work hard to adjust to the variety of playing styles of their new teammates. The players came from many different schools and some had never been on the court together before. After a few games it was obvious from the way they played that they had easily made the adjustment from five individuals on the court, to a team. "It's a lot of hard work, but when we come together and win a game it's all worth it," said Niki Kelly.

The girl's JV team, which was made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores who has never worked together, also had to learn the abilities of their team. Although size was not on their side, they were quick and relied on their hustle and aggression to pull them through in the tough games. Sarah Hall said, "Basketball is fun, but you've got to have the will to play and the patience to work hard in practice every day."

Basketball wasn't only hard work with no reward. A lot of fun times were had by all and many new friends were made. "Meeting all these new people and making new friends was one of the best parts," said Jessica Lee. Both teams had plenty of fun and successful seasons in the process. *Story by Sara Philpott.*



Don't Miss! With all eyes on her Betsy Decatur prepares to sink two free throws for her team. Good foul shooting could make the difference in a close game, so players were encouraged to practice them often. This hard work became evident in the clutch game situations. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Shoot For Three! Practicing her form, Sara Philpott shoots a three-point shot over her opponents. A combination of good offense and solid defense were the keys to a successful season. The JV team realized this and was able to put them together at game time. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

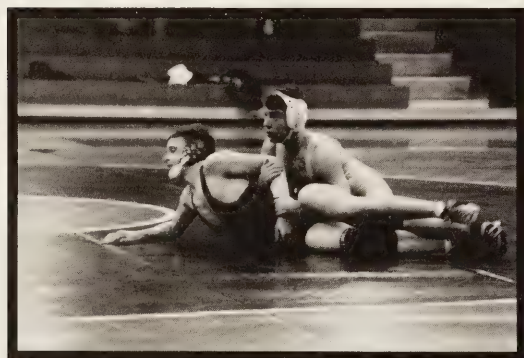
**Up
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That's gotta hurt! Jaw locked to his opponents chest, Omri Nassau pins his competition to win the match. Wrestlers found themselves in some very uncomfortable positions. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

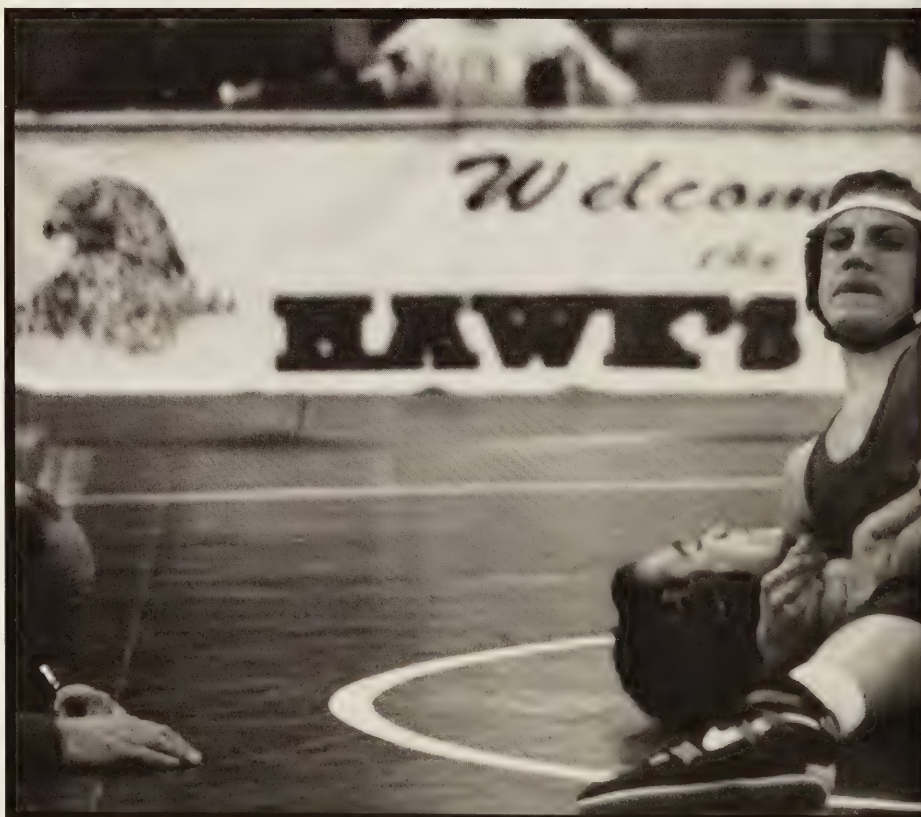
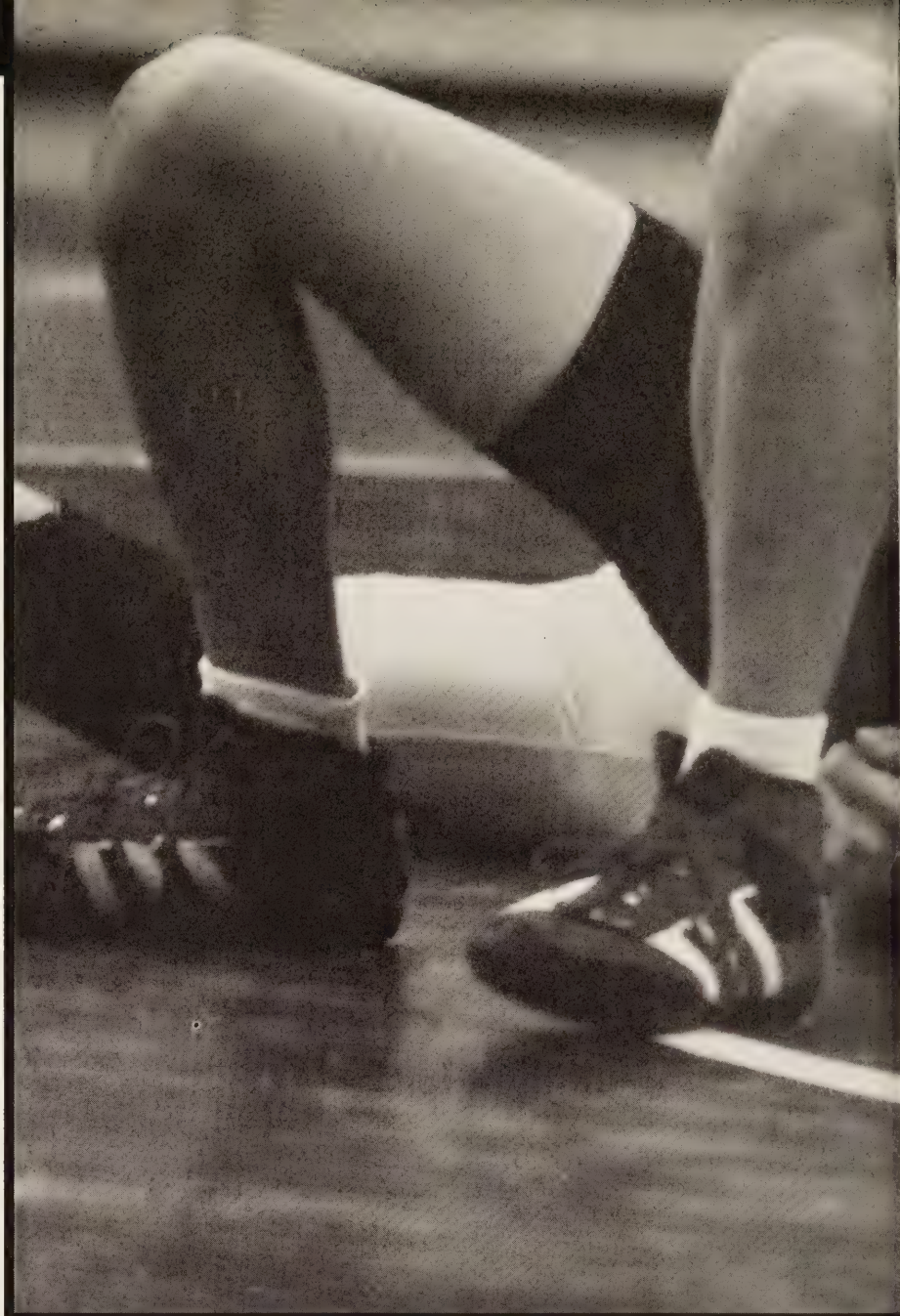
On the mat

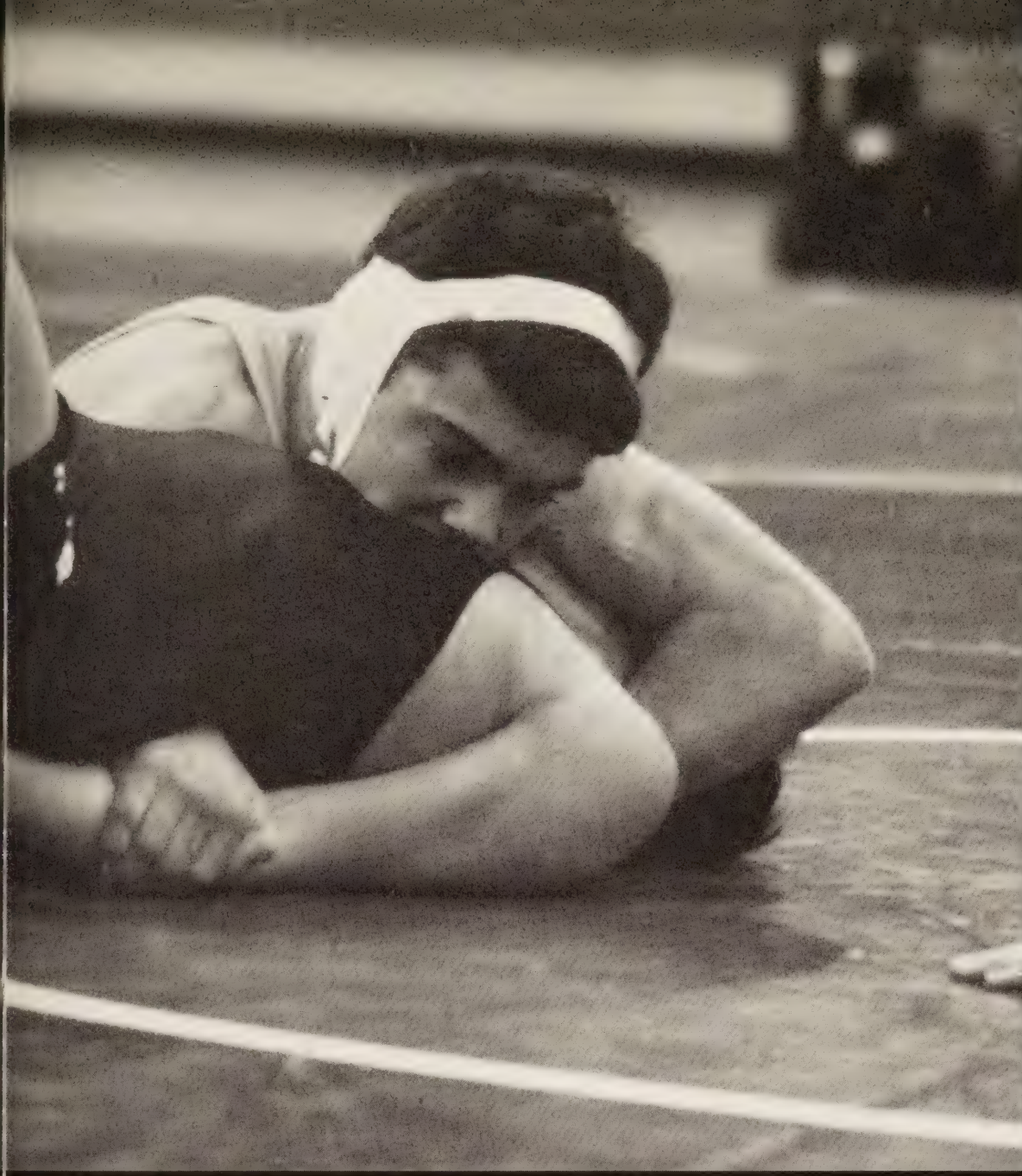
Guys scantily clad in skin tight jumper-shorts. No, it's not a ballet, it's our wrestling team. Wrestling was a very popular this year. Many guys spent their afternoons, and sometimes mornings too, practicing very hard to get in shape for the season. Their training consisted of weight lifting, running, and learning and practicing their moves. Wrestling required much self assurance and self confidence because your individual match was up to you to win. You win and lose as a team, but the individual match is up to you. "Wrestling is the most competitive one-on-one sport and requires your all. Our team made the sacrifices required to make our team a strong pressure in our district and region," commented Terrence Gallivan. Unfortunately for Andy Rowdon he could not wrestle this year due to an injury during off-season. But he did, however, become the team manager and contributed a lot to the team. "I almost started to cry when I found out I couldn't wrestle, but then I decided on being manager and that contented me. I am still going to play soccer." The wrestling team proved a force to be reckoned with. Overall, they did a great job in the district. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*

Twister, Anyone? Twisted and interlocked to his opponent, Nicki Shahan controls the match and adds a win to Stafford's score. During matches wrestlers sometimes had difficulty distinguishing between which limbs belonged to them and which were attached to a foreign body. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



Laying Down on the Job Preparing for the pin, Kaden Yealy gains control over his opponent. Kaden is sporting the latest in wrestling fashion with his brand new Nike shoes. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Faquier	W
Chancellor	W
Liberty	W
Stafford Inv.	2nd
North Stafford	Tie
Osborn Inv.	3rd
Courtland	W
Jeb Stuart	W
Oakton	L
Herndon	L
Brooke Point	L
Atlee	L
Osborn	W
Chantilly	W
Wakefield	W
Culpeper	L
Chancellor	W
Hylton	L

Omri Nassau - 112 lbs. District Champ, 2nd Northwest Region

Nick Shahan - 4th Northwest Region 119 lbs, 2nd at C.W. district 119 lbs.

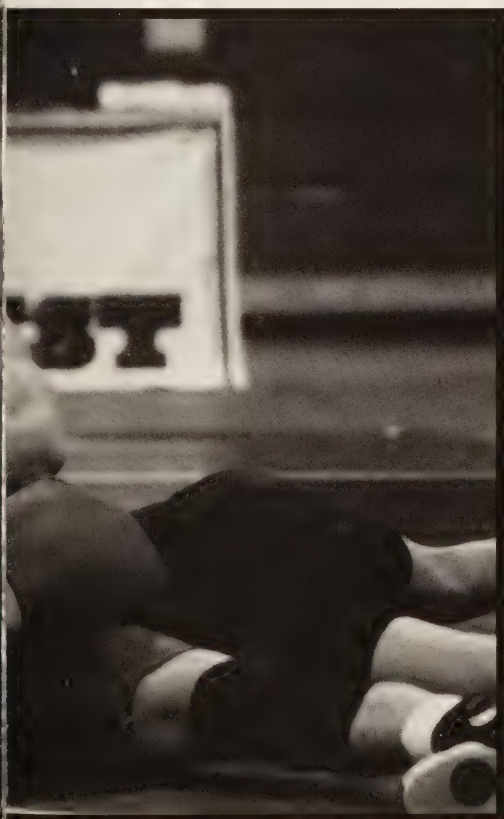
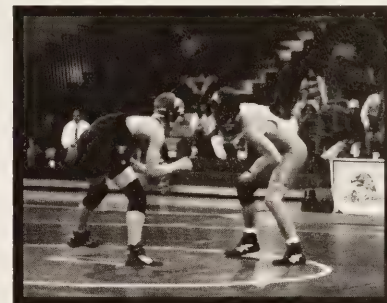
Matt Korniotis - 135 lbs. District champ

Tom Hagerty - 125 lbs. 6th in region

Terrance Gallivan - 152 lbs. 6th in Region

Get'em Tiger Ready to attack, Matt Korniotis anticipates the precise moment to strike upon his felon of the mat. Wrestlers were attired in all sorts of weird garb, but it was only for their safety.

Photo by Mark Hughes.



Wrestling *Front Row:* Sean Garrison, Omri Nassau, George Boeing, Craig Hamilton, Sean Posey, Thomas Hagerty *Second Row:* Chris Hillary, D.J. Eagle, Kaden Yealy, Shane Huffman, Billy Ice, David Mathews, Jason Simpson, Terrance Gallivan *Third Row:* Tony Hamrick, Chad Martin, Roy Perry, Jonathan Catalano, Chris Cox, Andy Rowdon, Paul Deal, David Dougan

And the winner is... Waiting for results, Amanda Zanora, Matt Dursa, and Ben Whited watch with anticipation after finishing the race. Although they hated waiting, the results quite often were well worth the wait. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*

Out of Breath

The gun goes off and they dive, some more gracefully than others, in to the great blue abyss of chlorine and water. Who are they? What are they doing? Why do we care? A question we are probably all asking ourselves right now, I know I am. But anyway, they are the members of the swimteam for our wonderful school. So now you might ask what they're doing; if you did then you should be shot. They're swim team, what do you think they do? Yes, that's right, they swim. Oooooohhh, difficult logic.

Our Speedo clad Indians dog-paddled their way to yet another successful year of swimming under the watchful eye of math teacher Mrs. Monn. "It was a lot of fun in addition to a hard and rigorous year of work and practice," commented senior Jason McKnight about the swimming experience. With a record of five wins and only two losses, our swimmers didn't really have to worry about the competition, only to be careful not to hit their heads on the wall, a very painful experience.

"We did really well this year and it was a good note to end on as a senior," remarked senior Andy Stamps, co-captain with fellow classmate Jason Green, who had too much water in his ears to hear anything that I asked him. Tia Campbell, captain of the girl's swimteam, dove in the water to escape the harrasing, inuendo implying questions directed towards her about the locker room conversations and gossip during the season. I guess the administration will be glad that these conversions stay in the dark for another year. But, the truth is out there. Believe. *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*

Girls

Garfield	W	95-75
King George	L	74-96
James Monroe	W	112-58
North Stafford	W	184-102
King George	L	141-144
James Monroe	W	191-89
Brooke Point	W	170-116

Boys

Garfield	W	88-82
King George	L	78-92
James Monroe	L	73-96
North Stafford	W	198-86
King George	W	147-139
James Monroe	W	160-121
Brooke Point	L	125-161

Girls: Commonwealth District Champs

Christie Cleaver, Erin Hughes, Amanda

Zawora - Individual District Champs

Boys: Nick Powers, Danny Pyle, Ryan Swierk-
Individual District Champs

Danny Pyle - Individual Regional Champs

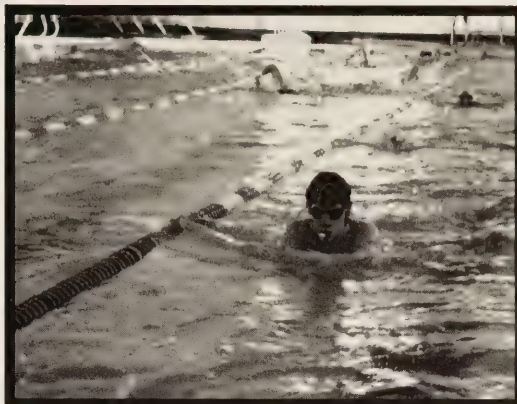
Ryan Swierk & Christie Cleaver - Regional

Finalists

Danny Pyle & Christie Cleaver - State Finalists

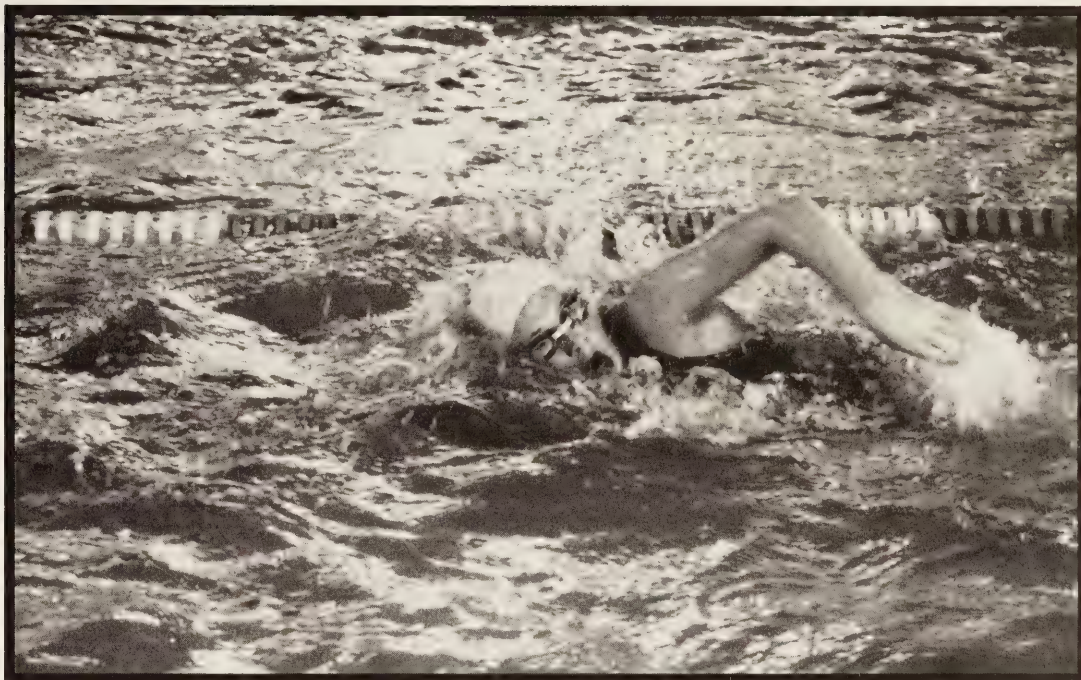
Making Waves





Bobbing around. Emerging from the water, Phillip Walsky practices the breast stroke with a fellow fish in pursuit of him. After each flip-turn, the swimmers had something to look forward to: the other wall. Photo by Ben Malay.

Comin' up for air!!!! Swallowing the pool, Kristen Lichtenfels paddles through the seemingly infinite expanse of water known as the YMCA. It was this kind of dedication and sacrifice in practice that led the swimmers to a successful year. Photo by Ben Malay.



Swimming *Front Row:* Rachel Maloney, Mary Tokar, Bonnie Combs, Kim Anderson, Rachel Jarnecke, Emily Godfrey, Erin Hughes, Tia Campbell *Second Row:* Erin Wood, Kelly Combs, Lorean Hagerty, Amanda Jarnecke, Jonathan Walsky, Andrea Miley, Brian Whited, Philip Walsky *Third Row:* Abby Zowora, Kristen Lichtenfels, Alli Fuller, Lisa Thomas, Sarah Stamps, Peter Oakman, Brian Fuller, Matt Slaydon, Christina Palmer, Jason Green *Fourth Row:* Coach John Raymond, Jonathan Catalano, Nick Powers, Ryan Swerk, Michael Crossnicker, Andy Stamps, Carl Banks, Jason McKnight, Ryan Gorman, John Payne, Matt Dursa, Coach Pyle *Fifth Row:* Christie Cleaver, Elizabeth Herlan, Allison Godfrey, Kate Godfrey, Amy Piester, Adam Dowling, Billy Atkinson, Ian Hild, Joseph Green, Jessica Thomas

Champions

Practice makes perfect, right? It was for this reason that Mrs. Payne had Stafford's gymnasts practice after school for two and a half hours every day. The concentration and determination during practice carried over into meets. Genny Rankin shared that, "gymnastics is a team effort. We all have to work hard. A goal can't be achieved by just one person." In order to prepare for the district competition, (in which they came in first place last year) the girls concentrated on the specific events they were best at, and worked hard on achieving perfection. In the sport, even the loss of a tenth of a point can hurt your score; it is important to so your best to prevent that loss.

The girls had "special pals" amongst their teammates. Each "pal" made buttons for the girls to wear on meet days and brought their gymnast snacks and little gifts. This helped relieve tension and make competing more enjoyable. The team was really close, which is important in a sport that involves so much physical and mental stress. Kristy Noel said "gymnastics is the best! Having the chance to work with an excellent team, who always gives one hundred percent is a great opportunity."

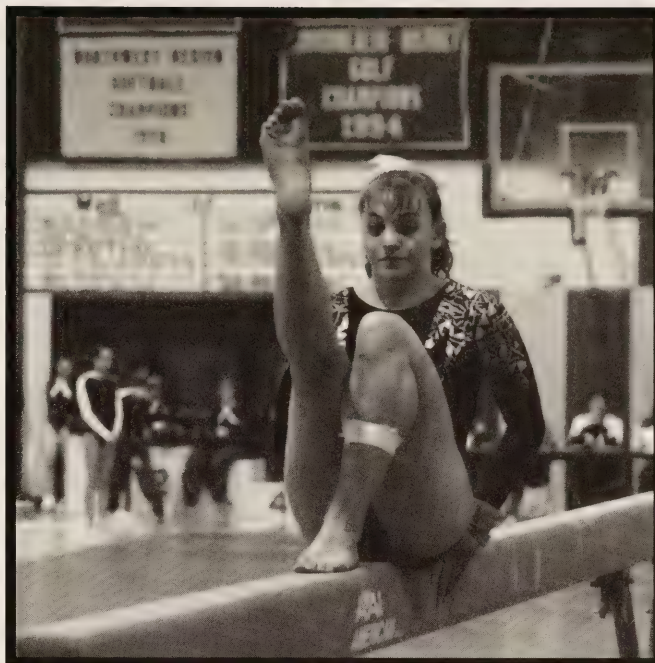
The girls both worked and played hard during the season. They performed well in their meets and practiced hard to perform even better at the Commonwealth Districts Championships. Having won first place in both districts and the Northwest Regional Championship, the girls were determined to repeat last year's victories. It is for this reason so much preparation went into every one of the girls' routines, for it's a well known fact - practice makes perfect! *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*



Ta-da! Hitting her finishing pose, Beth Patton completes her beam routine. At the time this picture was taken, Beth received a score of 9.75 on her beam routine. Beth was very instrumental in helping Stafford's gymnastic team win both Districts and Regionals. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Work it Girl! Strutting her stuff on beam, Christy Stoner does a handstand. Christy was one of the all-around gymnasts on the team. This meant that she performed all four events. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



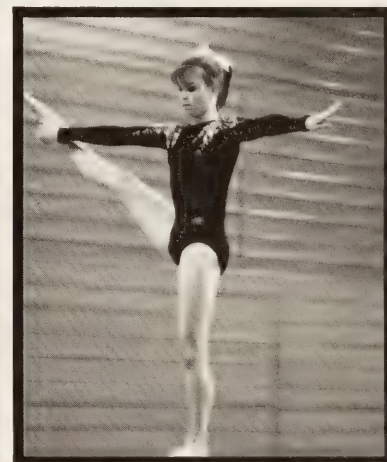


Don't Fall! Intent on completing her routine, Laurie Mathias concentrates on earning a perfect score. In this sport, every move had to be carefully calculated since the smallest mistake could lower your score. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Alley-oop! Gearing up for her next pass, Kristy Noel gains momentum by swinging. Beam was a strenuous and painful event. Girls performing this event suffered rips, tears, and sore muscles. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*



That's It! Lifting her leg, Beth Burns poses for the judges. It was important to be careful in executing stunts on beam. Since the beam was so thin and high, there was little room for mistakes. *Photo by Jessica Rose.*



Gymnastics: *Front row:* Angel Dodson, Beth Patton, Christy Stoner, Nicole Dauch *Back row:* Beth Burns, Kristy Noelle, Nadya Lieb, Laurie Matthias, Genny Rankin, Sara Edwards

South Lakes Invitational . W	.....	100.58
North Stafford	..... W	100.85
James Monroe, CourtlandW	.....	137.8
Parkview Invitational	..... 1ST	140.05
Brooke Point	..... L	138.7
Winterfest Invitational	..... 4th	139.0
Chancellor, N. Stafford, and Courtland	..... W	1540
Chancellor	..... W	142.1
Commonwealth District.. 1st	.....	140.05
Northwest regional	..... 1st	140.5
States	..... 5th	141.2

Beth Patton-9.55 - School record on beam
Nicole Dauch-9.5 - Tied school record on beam
 Broke school record for team score three times this season

Medaled at Regionals - Beth Patton, Christy Stoner, Nicole Dauch, Angel Dodson

Ooweeh! That Hurts.

Taking care of the Tribe.

From jammed fingers to twisted and swollen ankles the athletic population of Stafford was constatly being crowded into the trainers room at school. Some injuries kept the players out of games but the trainers were constantly embarking themselves in the chaos surrounding the athletes. Amongst the trainers was the ever popular Nate Dog who was voted to be a "beast" by all the athletes. Trainer Emily Crabtree explained, " Being a trainer is a lot of fun but you also have to learn alot about what your doing." There was never a moment when the training room didn't have at least one person with their feet in a bucket of ice or their ankles and/or fingers being taped up for an upcoming practice or game. Often players for any of the teams were in recoperation before and after a practice just simply because "that's what Mrs. Buttery said to do." Trainers had a quite busy schedule during the sports season at school. During games a trainer was located at the sideline to provide immeadiat aid for cuts and scrapes. While practice was in session a trainer was in the gym or in the ever-popular training room. Therefore being a trainer not only envolved being a trainer during school but also during Friday nights and occasionally on weekends. Then again they do get the best seats in the house, heck they even get em' on the house. Nothing like those fringe benefits.

Story by Sean L. Farmer.



Smelling Great. Preparing an ankle for the game, Sarah Hall wraps and tapes. The trainers were taught how to wrap, tape, ice and ease the pain of both old and new injuries. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Anybody Thirsty! Ready to assist the football players, Nathan Miller passes out the teams water bottles. The trainers did a lot to help the sports teams from- providing water to icing muscles. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Working Hard??? Hanging out in the training room Jennifer Mollohan carries on a conversation with an icing player. Since it got pretty boring at times, the injured athletes looked forward to those who helped them pass the time. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Does it hurt? Supervising her patient Joanna Beard keeps Amy Butler company while she ices before the game. Players were found in the training room on a regular basis getting everything from ankles to elbows and fingers to toes "all fixed up". *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Athletic Trainers: *Front Row:* Cindy Harpine, Nathan Miller, Sarah Hall *Second Row:* Joanna Beard, Ms. Buttery, Kathy Brewington

Winter and Spring

With an extremely busy season, the runners and jumpers worked almost daily improving times and distances. Talent was abundant on the track as well as in the air for those who were daring enough to fling their bodies over the bar and onto the mat below. "Pole vault is a way to stay strong and get a good tan on the sunny days," said Chad Martin.

At the beginning of the season, the long distance runners ran the Cross Country trails to get conditioned and ready for the track. After about three weeks on the trails, the runners finally got on the track to get their speed. High jumpers got to work on the bungee cord to improve their heights, along with running lots of sprint drills. "I was used to the work and practice it takes to keep conditioned for running. The high jump was probably the most fun because of the bungee cord!" said Edith Taylor.

The track team attended Districts and many moved on to compete in Regionals, not to mention miss an entire day of school. Both teams came in second in Districts and five qualified for the State competition. "We all worked really hard through the seasons and I really feel that those five more than deserved their chance at States," commented Alex Doyal. *Story by Danielle King.*



Come On, Slowpokes! Leading the gang, Tom Sitzman encourages Jason Trant, Dale Ocheltree and Dustin Hood to catch up. The long distance runners were good at involving everyone and participated on many outings to build their team. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Spring Track

Rappahanock Relays @ JM	March 29
Woodbridge Inv. @ Woodbridge	April 5
North Stafford @ Stafford	April 9
Stafford Relay @ Stafford	April 11
Coutland @ Stafford	April 16
Battleground Relays @ MWC	April 19
Brooke Point @ Stafford	April 26
Culpeper @ Stafford	April 30
TC Williams @ TC Williams	May 3
Stafford @ Chancellor	May 7
Jim England Inv. @ R E Lee	May 10
District Meet @ North Stafford	May 15
Regional Meet @ U.V.A.	May 23
State AAA Meet @ Hampton	May 30-31

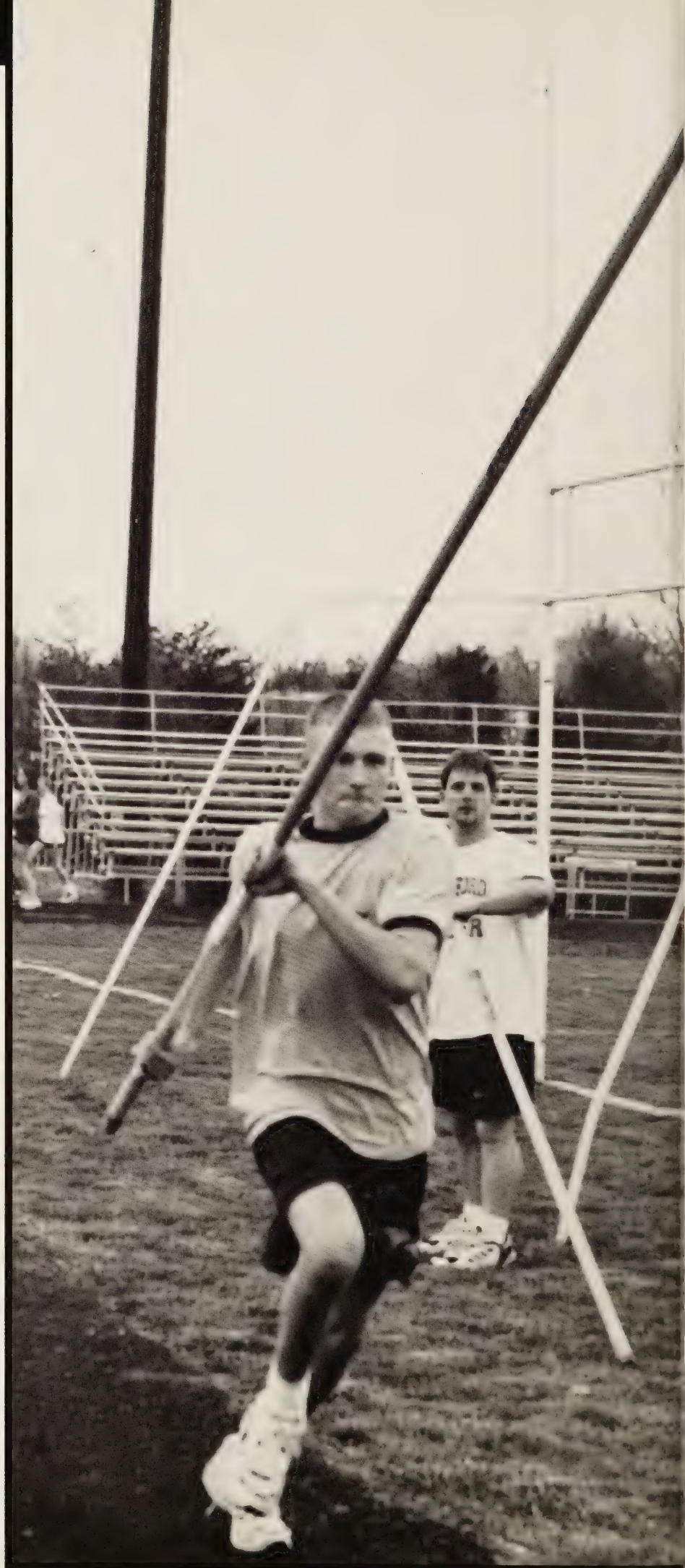
Winter Track

BOYS

District Meet 2nd Place
Advanced 12 to Regionals--Brian McKenny, Dustin Hood,
Jason Trant-advanced to the State Meet

GIRLS

District Meet 2nd Place
Advanced 8 to Regionals - Samantha Hall and Edith Taylor
advanced to the State Meet



SPRING TRACK



Far Left: **I Think I Can... I Think I Can!** Hoping that his aim is perfect, and that he actually lands on the mat on the other side, Chad Martin speeds towards the pit. Pole vaulting was one of the field events in Track and Field. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Catch This! Hauling the shot put as far as he can, Brian McKenny puts all his strength behind it. There were so many events to choose from during track and Brian picked the one that most used his talents. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Spring Track *Front Row:* Jenny Scherrens, Crystal Tussing, Alicia Simms, Angela Wilson, Belicia Rivers, India Clemens, Erin Woods, Brook Sparks, Kim Lockett, Lexi Keaton, Justine Rittenour. *Second Row:* Amber Sullivan, Kevin Cogley, Warren Payne, Anthony Cornette, John Stevens, Katie Franke, Stephanie Trant, Dana Cantrell, Bobbi Decater, Carl Banks, Carlee Bruesar, Andrea Neil. *Third Row:* Andean Brow, Amanda Summers, Patrick Cross, Eric Lunny, Jason Trant, Lisa Chinn, Tom Sitzman, Andy Stamps, Brian McKinney, Ben Whitford, Emily Godfrey, Edith Taylor, Rebecca Swift, Dale Ochaltree, Vernon Gaylen, Josh Chamberlin, Dee Green. *Fourth Row:* Matt Catalano, Chris Weimer, Nick Shahan, Alex Doyal, Chad Martin, Beth Goodall, Jonathan Catalano, Brandon Ratliffe, Christy Stoner, Ray Richards. *Not Pictured:* Christie Doebe, Lindsay Hession, Renee Griffith, Stephanie Heffernan, Diana Young, Kate Godfrey, Meghean Wilson, Tommy Wilson.



WinterTrack *Front Row:* Nathan Havasy, Tom Sitzman, Kevin Oulette, Jimmy Delp. *Second Row:* Eric Lunney, Lisa Chinn, Ben Malay, Pat Cross, Gerard Nelson, Jason Trant, Samantha Hall, Stephanie Heffernan. *Back Row:* Brooke Davis, Renee Griffin, Lindsay Hession, Jessica Moore, Billy Dorgel, Jon Sullivan, Carl Cabaniss, Ben Whitford, Edith Taylor, Melanie Allen, Kristin McCants.

Tending the Goal Putting all effort forth, Thomas Hagerty practices blocking shots for the varsity soccer team. Practice was important to prepare for every game. The team relied on team work and 100 percent effort to lead them to every victory and a successful season. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Practicing at Curtis

The springtime is a hectic time of the year for everyone, but perhaps no one can explain how hectic, the way the boys' soccer teams can explain it! The boy's soccer teams practiced conditioning and preparing for tryouts at the close of the winter sports seasons. With tryouts and conditioning after school every day, the team requires athletes with as much dedication as they possess skills. "You have to really want to play or the practices won't be worth it," said Carl Cabaniss, a sophomore, who played for the varsity team this year. The soccer team practiced rain or shine before and during the season to work toward being the best!

The J.V. and varsity teams set goals to be the best and worked hard to achieve them, putting their best effort into every game, whether they were playing in the sun of the season or sliding in the mud which accompanied those famous April showers. "Soccer is a lot of work and everybody really wants to win, but I think we really have a lot of fun when we go out there to play," said Michael Brown, who was on the varsity team. The practice, work and time put into the sport made the victories even more rewarding.

The soccer teams were made up of a lot of different people and the players worked well together, relying on team work as much as personal performance to score the next goal and defeat the next opponent. The teams included seniors with up to four years of playing experience, like Sean Sullivan, who graduated this year, all the way down to freshmen, like Shane Grizzle, who got to make their soccer debut playing varsity for the Indians. "The main thing is always to win," said Brad Wolff, and the Indians made their way through the season with that one priority placed above all others, making for a successful season and a successful team! *Story by Kristin Nichole Dietz.*



Kickin' Around Running practice drills, Brad Wolff kicks the ball to a fellow team member. The team had to learn to work together and play well as a team in order to make the most out of every opportunity to score for the team and defend the whole team. Learning to operate as a team was as important as conditioning and practicing. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Making a Run For It Trying to be the first to the ball, Carl Cabaniss sprints to the soccer ball during a game at practice. Carl was one of the younger members of the team, finishing his second year playing varsity soccer for the Indians as a sophomore. The team was compiled from a variety of players with varied amounts of playing experience. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Varsity Boy's Soccer *First Row:* Carl Cabaniss, Corey Harding, J.W. Wilson, Matt Bland, Shane Grizzle, Robert Doyle, Matt Harding, Dwane Hillian *Back Row:* Coach Taylor, Thomas Haggerty, Josh Early, Trent McEwen, Ken Varga, Brian Cook, Sean Sullivan, Sandy Rowdan, Brad Wolfe, Brian Whithead



JV Boy's Soccer *First Row:* Heather Demcom, Vicki Steele, *Second Row:* Hunt Blackburn, Kyle Butcherd, Brandon Doyle *Third Row:* Travice Price, Dustin Rollins, Eric Wahl, Tom Daley, Mike Brown *Fourth Row:* Migel Columbel, Matt Cribb, Adam Cwiak, Arend Bolthouse, Ryan Wainwright, Jake Ryan *Not Pictured:* Tom Daley, Dan Daley, Oliver Goldman, Nate Kravitz

Boys Soccer

Gar-field	March 21
James monroe	March 25
Woodbridge	March 26
North Stafford	April 8
Osborn Park	april 7
Courtland	April 11
Brooke Point	april 15
Culpeper	April 18
Chancellor	April 22
North Stafford	April 25
Courtland	April 29
Brooke Point	May 2
Culpeper	May 6
Chancellor	May 9

Dribblin' The varsity soccer team practiced in the afternoons at Pratt Park to prepare for the season and upcoming games. Andy Rowdon dribbles the soccer ball in practice. It was important for all the team members to attend practices and work hard. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Players at Dusk Giving their all, even towards the end, the girls' soccer team finishes up a scrimmage at Curtis Park. Some games lasted longer than others and playing soccer in the dark became part of the normal soccer experience for many.

Photo by Carol Smith



Girls Soccer

Gar-field	March 21
Woodbridge	March 26
North stafford	April 8
Osborn park	April 7
Courtland	April 11
Hylton	April 14
Brooke point	April 15
Culpeper	April 18
Chancellor	April 22
North Stafford	April 25
Courtland	April 29
Brooke Point	May 2
Culpeper	May 6
Chancellor	May 9



Girls' Soccer *Front Row:* Amy Spittler, Mekia Robinson, Jennifer Stockdill, Laura Crigler, Jennifer Sullivan, Andrea Varga, Jessica Moore *Second Row:* Nichole Zwillenef, Jessica Peterson, Jessica Player, Monica Schmidt, Kristin McCants, Arianna Thorpe *Third Row:* Rachel Jarneke, Kris Denson, Allison Derr, Katie Kolokowski, Becky Doyal, Sara Edwards, Amanda Evans, Jamie Hillian, Allyn Hood, Melissa Derr *Fourth Row:* Jennifer Brown, Elizabeth Campbell, Chridty Catrter, Crystal Carper, Amy Casio, Lindsay Coker, Jenny Connelly



All Alone On a break away, Missy Derr shows off her skills. Missy Derr, a senior member of the Varsity team, was captain and after four years of experience playing Stafford soccer, Missy was also one of the players many team members looked up to for advice and inspiration. *Photo by Laura Crigler.*

Spring Fun

As the Girls soccer season began to get under-way, the girls looked to the team for a time of learning new skills, as well as conditioning the old ones. "We're all one big happy family", says Sara Philpott about the soccer team. At first the Varsity and Junior Varsity worked together because the Varsity team was not complete. Coach John Agnew in the beginning had the girls do a lot of skill work such as shadowing, a type of mirror game working defensive skills, and dribbling up and down the fields. However much to the disappointment of many of the girls, the conditioning such as the long runs soon began. A successful season is what is wished by all however as Mrs. Liz Dixon, J.V. coach said, "A successful season doesn't always mean a lot of wins. It's a new division, a new season with lots of new faces." The philosophy taken by the Varsity team was one similar to J.V.'s but they were also looking towards their many returning players to help lead the way. One idea about the season was stated by Elizabeth Campbell, varsity goalie, who said "We're looking to be competitive but we're taking it day by day." All in all the Lady Booters' hard work and new skills led up to the conclusion best put by Crystal Carper who said "We're just happy to be here." *Story By Dacia Goldman.*

Showing'em Up Dribbling the ball down the field with an opponent close at her heels Jaimie Hillian shows her teammates how it's done. The soccer team was a time to learn new skills, and polish up the old ones. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Lady Booters

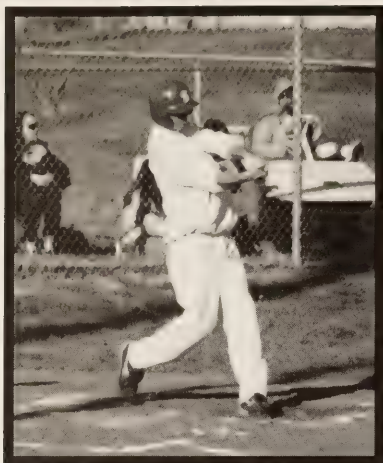


Coach Knows Best Gesturing to Katie Kolokowski's stretching ability, Coach John Agnew shares with the team words of wisdom before a scrimmage. Stretching and listening to the coach were two things that could definitely be useful before a game. *Photo by Carol Smith*

Batter Up!

Swinging the bat, Billy Hayes aims for a home run, during the scrimmage against Fredericksburg Christian School. Stafford won twenty-two to two, thanks to strong cuts like Billy's.

Photo by Mark Hughes.



Baseball

Osborn Park	March 21
Spotsylvania	March 24
James Monroe	March 26
Spotsylvania	April 7
North Stafford	April 8
James Monroe	April 9
Courtland	April 11
Brooke Point	April 15
Stonewall Jackson	April 16
Culpeper	April 18
Osborn Park	April 21
Chancellor	April 22
North Stafford	April 25
Courtland	April 29
Brooke Point	May 2
Culpeper	May 6
Chancellor	May 9

Varsity Baseball *First Row:* Jeff Syiodrick, Jason Perterson, Bradley Richmond, Bobby Bowen, Kevin Drury, David Lane, Matt Silkenon *Second Row:* Nick Cornwell, Seth Bourne, J.W. Bouchyard, Eric Greene, Billy Hayes, B.J. Rodgers, J.R. Roysten, Chris Shifflett



JV Baseball *First Row:* Ryan Warren, Brandon Yants, Hugh Parker, Brad Sailor, Russ Duvall, Chuck Shackelford, David Mathews *Second Row:* Justin Ward, Chris Hillary, James Spitler, Ben Parson, Jonathan Gribb, Shane Huffman, Tim Nemo, Chris Watson

Throw it Home! Throwing the ball, Ben Parsons tries to prevent a run. Third base, Ben's position, required one of the strongest arms of the team. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Let 'er Rip! Pitching the ball, B.J. Rogers welcomes the batter to his neighborhood. The pitcher and the catcher formed the battery. Without this battery there was no team. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Stafford's team was really on the ball.

Coach Farmer felt that this year the boys' baseball team had the most talent they've had in thirteen years. The boys' make up a young but dynamic team that loves to play ball. Eric Greene, a first year player, said, "I'm just going to keep working hard on fundamentals; I hope to get better as the season progresses." Initially, the boys' practice consisted of hitting balls inside and running a lot. The boys would also split up into groups, some would hit practice balls and some would field. Afterwards, the whole team would regroup and the coaches (Farmer, Portner, and Russ) would hit balls for the boys to practice catching. J.W. Boutchyard shared that "We have a very young team but we have a lot of talent and we should go far this season." Coach Russ felt that the group was really great and that they were good because of their love of the game. Many of the boys had worked on their game all summer and winter. All of this practice made Billy Hayes feel that "We're going to be a tough team to beat this year." At the rate things were going, this looked to be the case. *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*

Batters Up!



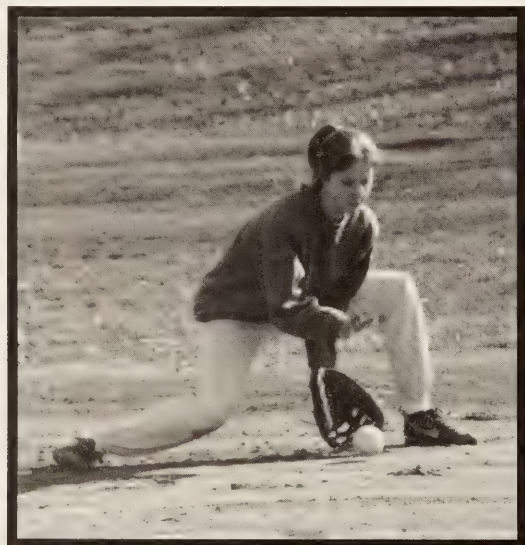
Drill Boys. Holding the drill steady, Coaches Dale Portner and Brian Kiernan work on forming holes in the ground. This was the groundwork for baseball's home run fence. Hopefully many balls would pass this fence for our team! *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Throw to First Demonstrating the most important play, Colleen Cooney makes a spectacular overhand toss to first base. Megan Hanson and Darla Stevens cheer on their team mate.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Preparing for the season.

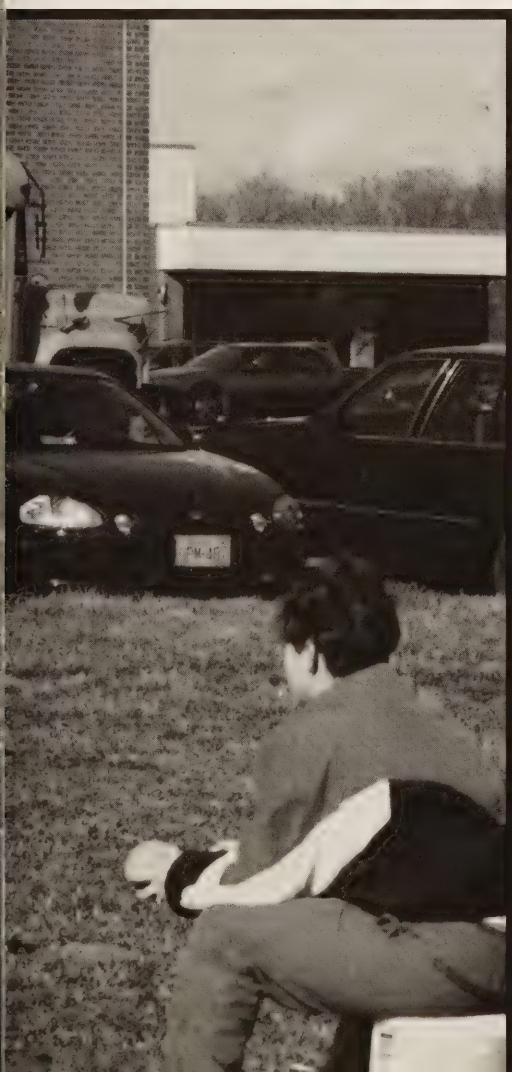
Balls, bats, gloves, and sweat drippings fill the girls' locker room during Softball season at Stafford High School. Afternoon after afternoon the girls would head out to the softball fields to hone their hitting, fielding and /or pitching skills. They had to face a grueling eighteen game season filled with tough opponents. "The games seemed to get longer and longer, but overall it was pretty fun," commented Rita Stevens. Megan Hanson was one of the two freshmen on the varsity team. "I can't believe I made it, I was so excited I almost cried!" she exclaimed. The girls decided to repaint the dugout this past season. "I wanted to paint it bright yellow so everybody could see it from far away, but Coach Davis said no, 'cause that is too TACKY!," laughed little Deidra Mullins. Girls' Softball proved to be a fun and happy after school activity as it enlightened the lives of many young athletes. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*



Bending at the Knees Anxiously awaiting their turn, Megan Hanson and Michelle White observe as Rita Stevens stops the ball from going into the outfield. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Chilling on a Bucket Out back of Stafford High, Erika Havasy practices her swing, as Coach Davis tosses her the balls. Coach Davis watched carefully to critique Erika's skills. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Softball

Osborn Park	March 21
Spotsylvania	March 24
Albermarle	March 27
Spotsylvania	April 7
North Stafford	April 8
Albermarle	April 10
Courtland	April 11
Brooke Point	April 15
Stonewall Jackson	April 16
Culpeper	April 18
Osborn Park	April 21
Chancellor	April 22
Hylton	April 24
North Stafford	April 25
Courtland	April 29
Brooke Point	May 2
Culpeper	May 6
Chancellor	May 9

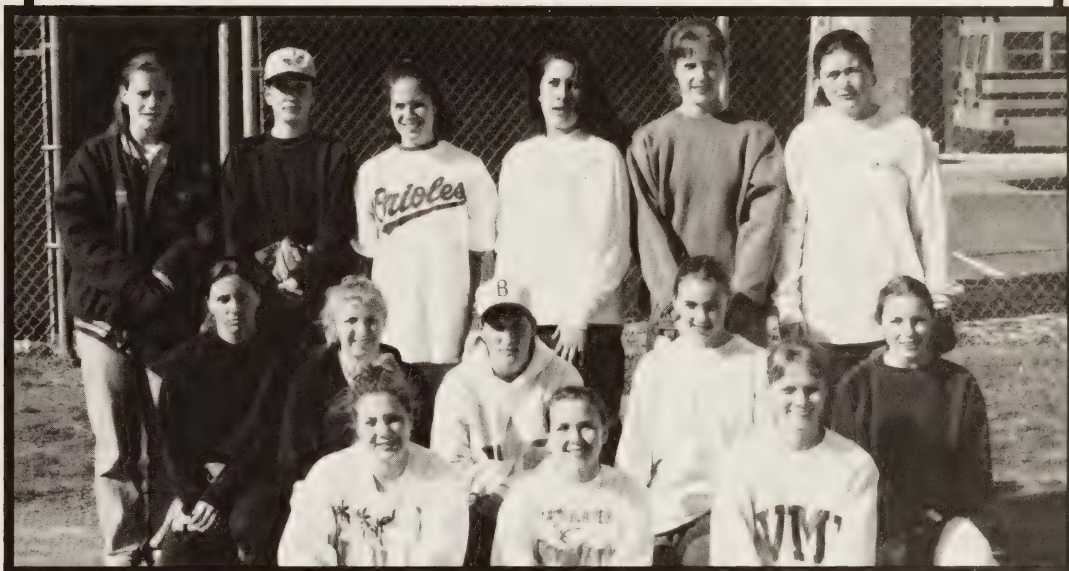


Fielding!

Attempting to stop the ball, Lena Browneyes places her glove above the ground to intercept the on coming softball. The pitching machine was used as a fielding device as well.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Girl's Varsity Softball *First Row:* Kristi Dixon, Deidra Mullins, Erika Havasy *Second Row:* Christi Abel, Erica Civitarese, Michelle White, Sara Hatcher, Megan Hanson *Third Row:* Amy Butler, Colleen Cooney, Darla Stevens, Lena Browneyes, Rita Stevens, Sabrina Reeves



JV Softball *First Row:* Stephanie Dickenson, Ammanda Zawora, Katie Staab, Niki Kelly, Kelly Randell, Nicole Brors *Second Row:* Matt Minx, Jenn Whitter, Sam Genter, Chrissy Donaldson, Michelloe, Barilol, Carry Loving, Bettsy Decaterr, Chris Gibson

Serve it Up! With a grim look of concentration and maybe even a little grin varsity tennis player Billy Crop prepares to send a massive serve down the court to his opponent. Practicing skills such as serves and other hits were a part of everyday practice. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Working Hard

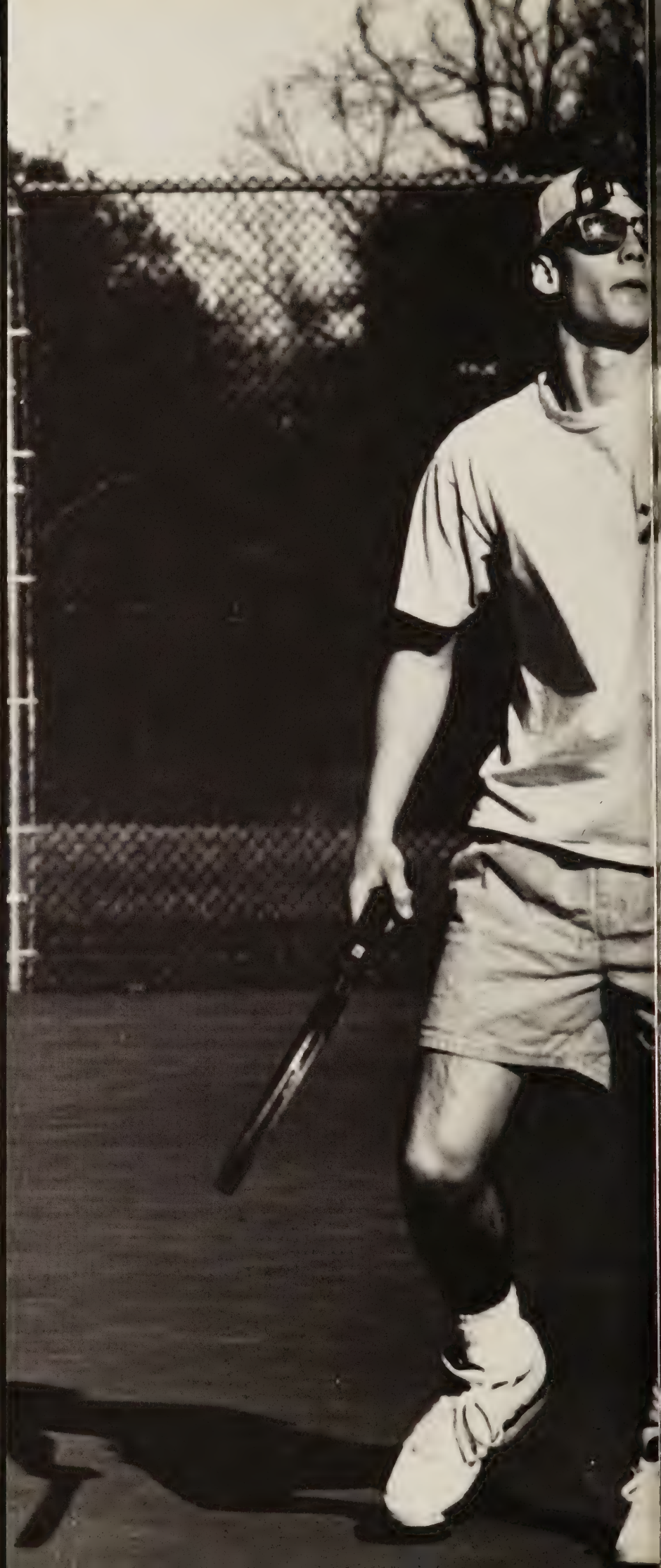
The boys tennis team prepared to rip through another season beginning at the end of February with a series of grueling tryouts. Drills ranged from suicides to sprints to other drills that paved the way towards many great seasons in the past. During the hour and a half (sometimes longer) practices much was accomplished to prepare the players for the chaos that lurked in their immediate future. "From 2:30 until 4:00, that's all!" said a somewhat startled Billy Crop, "What are we going to get done?" After returning from practice the next day apparently Billy found out more than he expected, "Man! We ran and ran and ran the whole time, back and forth nothing but sprints and suicides runs." "Why?" I asked, sort of confused. "Well, you have got to have a lot of stamina in order to play a whole match," explained the sore Billy. Sounded like a lot of fun guys. Much time was to be spent at practice on the court in the beautiful weather with just the guys having a good time. In addition to their previously accomplished skills, the players all managed to learn a new move or two for their arsenal to be used against such rivals as Brooke Point and North Stafford. *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*

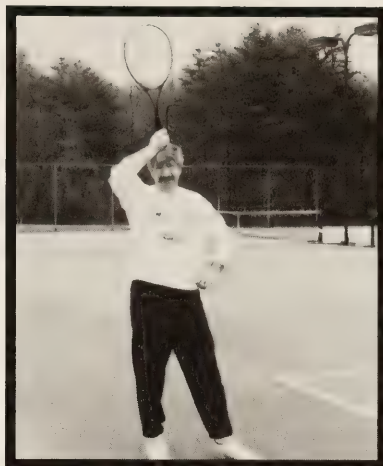


I'm Waiting. Patiently sizing up the opponents, Andrew Coleman and Turner Ashby prepare for a grueling afternoon on the courts. The tennis team practiced hard during the season in order to keep up their stamina for the long matches they played. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Boys Tennis

James Monroe	March 21
North Stafford	March 27
Courtland	April 8
Brooke Point	April 10
Stafford Invitational ..	April 11-12
Culpeper	April 15
Chancellor	April 17
North Stafford	April 22
Courtland	April 24
Brooke Point	April 29
Culpeper	May 1
Chancellor	May 6





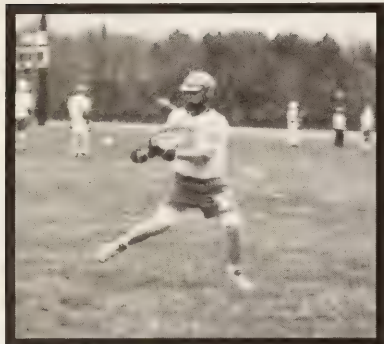
The Macarena? Thank goodness that is definitely not the Macarena. It is the boys tennis coach Mr. Chris Hylton who appears to be teaching just a little bit more than how to play the game. Sometimes just a little bit of fun was needed to relax the players in the stress infested and humid environment. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

It's All Mine! With quite an interesting look smeared across his face as he charges the net, Ben Hall leashes a powerful swing towards his opposition. Power and fitness were quite a lethal combination for the tennis team during their tennis crazed and chaotic season. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



Boys Tennis *Front Row:* Mark Lutterbie, Alok Gulati, Aaron Carter, Billy Cropp, Darron Myers; *Second Row:* Ben Malay, Garrett Green, Turner Ashby, Jay Underwood, Ben Hall, Andrew Coleman, Coach Hylton

On Your Toes. Preparing to catch a pass, Adam Lincoln keeps his eyes on the ball as teammates Chris Winger and Karen Mann look on. This sport took extreme coordination and concentration at all times. Many members of the team had never played lacrosse before coming to SHS, so learning the basic skills took hard work. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Leading the Pack. Hustling through a sprint around the field Chris Kraus keeps just ahead of teammate Drew Penny. Players were required to do all drills, including running, in their heavy equipment. This helped prepare them for the strenuous game situations. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Stretch! Warming up at the beginning of lacrosse practice, Chad Martin and Bryan Ennis lead the team through stretches to loosen up their muscles. Stretching was important in all sports because it could reduce the athlete's chance of injury. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

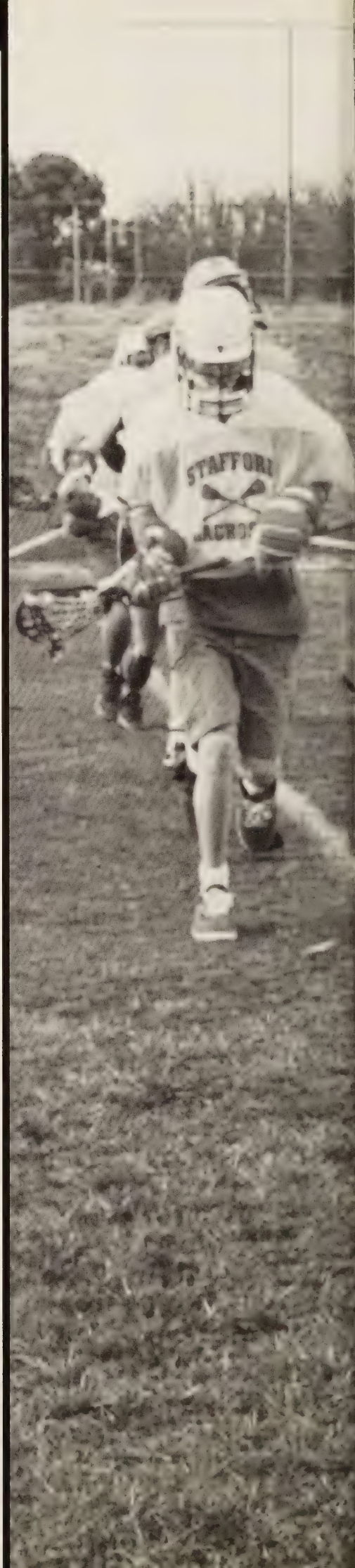


Lacrosse

Garfield	March 15
Osbourne Park	March 22
Brooke Point	March 24
Stonewall Jackson	April 8
North Stafford	April 12
Fauquire	April 16
Arlington	April 19
Woodbridge	April 21
Brooke Point	April 23
Hylton	April 29
Loudoun	May 3
North Stafford	May 7
Parkview	May 12
Tournament	May 13



Lacrosse Front Row: Dan Patrell, Randy Kleist, Jonathan Walsky, Sam Newsome, Tim York, Karen Mann.
Second Row: Drew Penny, Daniel Penny, Chad Martin, Matt Korniot, Dan Lawlor, Josh Bailey, James Tweddale, Couch Dan Penny. **Third Row:** Brian Ennis, Jeremy Shelton, Chris Winger, Steve Westoff, Chris Kraus, Billy Ice, Arron Prowett, Christian Lincoln.

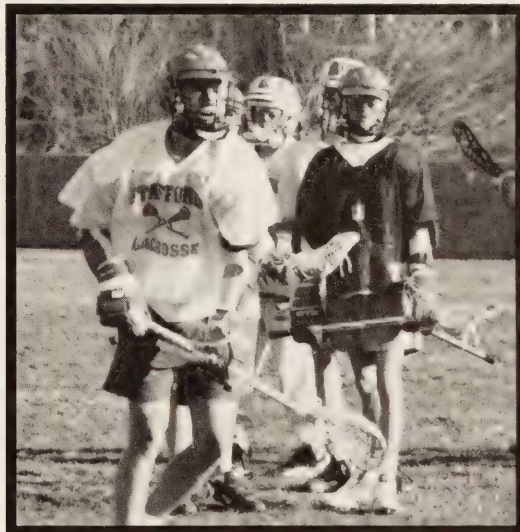


The Fastest Sport On Two Feet

In its three years in existence at Stafford, lacrosse has been a constant struggle for the players and coaches involved. Because it is not school funded players must pay large sums of money for their uniforms and equipment. Coaches are not paid and therefore must work on a volunteer basis, giving up their free time for the good of the team. Players held car washes over the summer and worked concession stands to raise money for their gear. Getting field space also has been a problem for these players who are constantly searching for a place to practice. Many players feel they are playing to gain respect not only from other teams, but also from the school. Adam Lincoln said, "Lacrosse deserves a chance in Stafford. It's everywhere north of D. C., and it's still spreading southward."

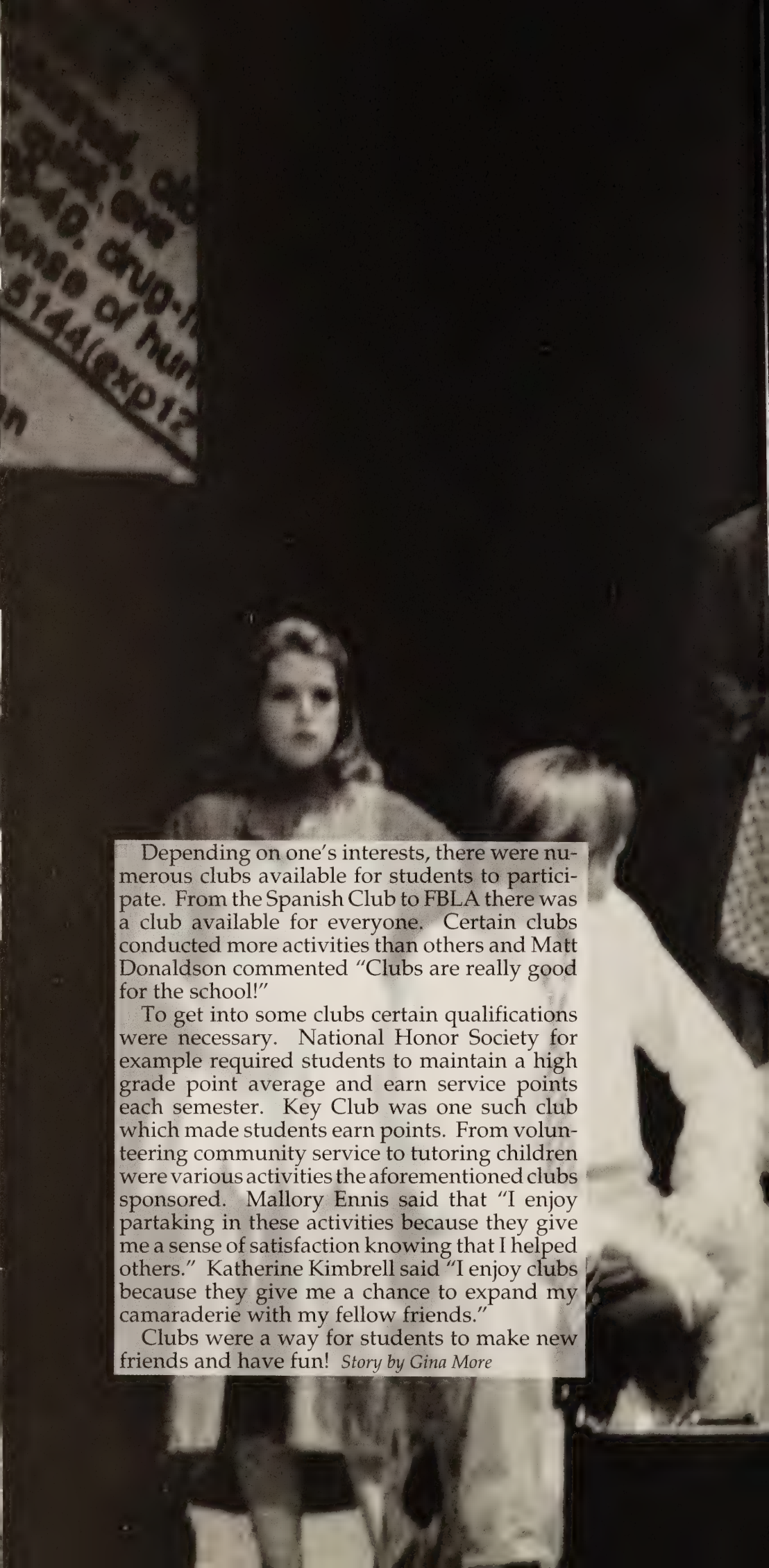
Money is not the only challenge faced by these players. Lacrosse is a physically demanding sport which requires players to be in top condition. Their practices involve long hours of conditioning. Despite this hard work, players are extremely dedicated to this sport. "Lacrosse is the mecca of open field sports; I rank it right after breathing on my list," said Bryan Ennis. Both in practice and at games this sport could tend to become violent and was designed for those who are aggressive and physical. As Chad Martin said, "In order to play lacrosse you have to be a mentally tough person and you can't be afraid to unleash the beast." This attitude is what allows Stafford to compete with much more experienced teams despite being considered the underdogs. *Story by Sara Philpott*

Tough Sticks



I've got it! On the run, Danny Pownall races to catch the ball during practice. Players worked hard in the off season in order to get into good shape. Lacrosse was a sport which required a combination of speed and stamina.

Photo by Jessica Rose.



Depending on one's interests, there were numerous clubs available for students to participate. From the Spanish Club to FBLA there was a club available for everyone. Certain clubs conducted more activities than others and Matt Donaldson commented "Clubs are really good for the school!"

To get into some clubs certain qualifications were necessary. National Honor Society for example required students to maintain a high grade point average and earn service points each semester. Key Club was one such club which made students earn points. From volunteering community service to tutoring children were various activities the aforementioned clubs sponsored. Mallory Ennis said that "I enjoy partaking in these activities because they give me a sense of satisfaction knowing that I helped others." Katherine Kimbrell said "I enjoy clubs because they give me a chance to expand my camaraderie with my fellow friends."

Clubs were a way for students to make new friends and have fun! *Story by Gina More*



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More Than Just Fun

Shining Stars

Someday Famous

Drama Club... It's not for those who may be shy. However, standing in front of lots of people is something that the members of the Drama Club must enjoy doing. This year the Drama club was extremely active. For those students that may not know, the Drama club is the club responsible for performing all the plays. The many aspiring actors performed two plays this year, including the musical *Personals*, about people answering *Personal* ads.

A few select members went to the Virginia Theatre Competition, winning first place. The play the young actors performed was *Screen*. It's this play, that won them their ticket to Miami. The original play of *Screen* was written by the cast with the help from Ms. April Stafford and Mr. Tom Clark. As Willie McGee exclaimed "I'm in the Drama Club because I like acting." Drama was a club for people like Dee Dee Bevan who stated "drama is a way to express yourself. Drama is definitely not a class one could slack off in. It is a class for those future actors like Scott Ramsburg who smiled dreamily and said "I'm going to be famous one day." And sure enough one day we may see his name in lights. *Story by Dacia Goldman.*



The Dating Game A tired Scott Ramsburg tries his hand at meeting Shirley Barnes. Scott, who was helped by self-help dating tapes throughout the play, felt he was finally ready to use his new knowledge. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

For You? Cramer Thompson tries to get back with an old acquaintance and finds out it's just not that easy. Cramer showed her Drama talent by portraying many different parts in the musical. Students not only had to be able to act but also sing in this play. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Strike A Pose In the play *Personals*, Taylor Blackburn shows what she's made of. Taylor was a ex-girlfriend in this scene of the play. The Fall production was about the personal ads and meeting people. Photo by Mark Hughes.

What's all the Commotion?! In the Production of "*Personals*", Willie McGee sings as Johnny Torrey tries to figure out where he got all this extra baggage. Willie McGee and Alok Gulati were movers who brought in boxes which soon popped out ex-girlfriends of John Torrey's character. The tune in this scene was "I'm moving in with Linda". Photo by Mark Hughes.



Drama Club: *Front Row:* Christina Gray, Becky Hamm, Sarah Bolthouse, Cramer Thompson, April Grigg, Joey Katz, Dee Dee Bevan, Becky Oliver, Adam Mason *Second Row:* Kristie Seal, Mandy Smith, Taylor Blackburn, Willie McGhee, Matt Slaydon, Nick Boeke, Morgan Baker, John Torrey, Scott Ramsburg, Shirley Barnes, Kensley Whitler, Terra Harmon, Alok Gulati *Third Row:* Joey Harding, Nathan Richards, Ben Robinson, Dennis Carmody, Nathan Compton, Janet Douberly, Scott Ferebee, Nathan Havasy, Joey Hanzel, Tim O'Leary

Cooking With Class

Working with their hands

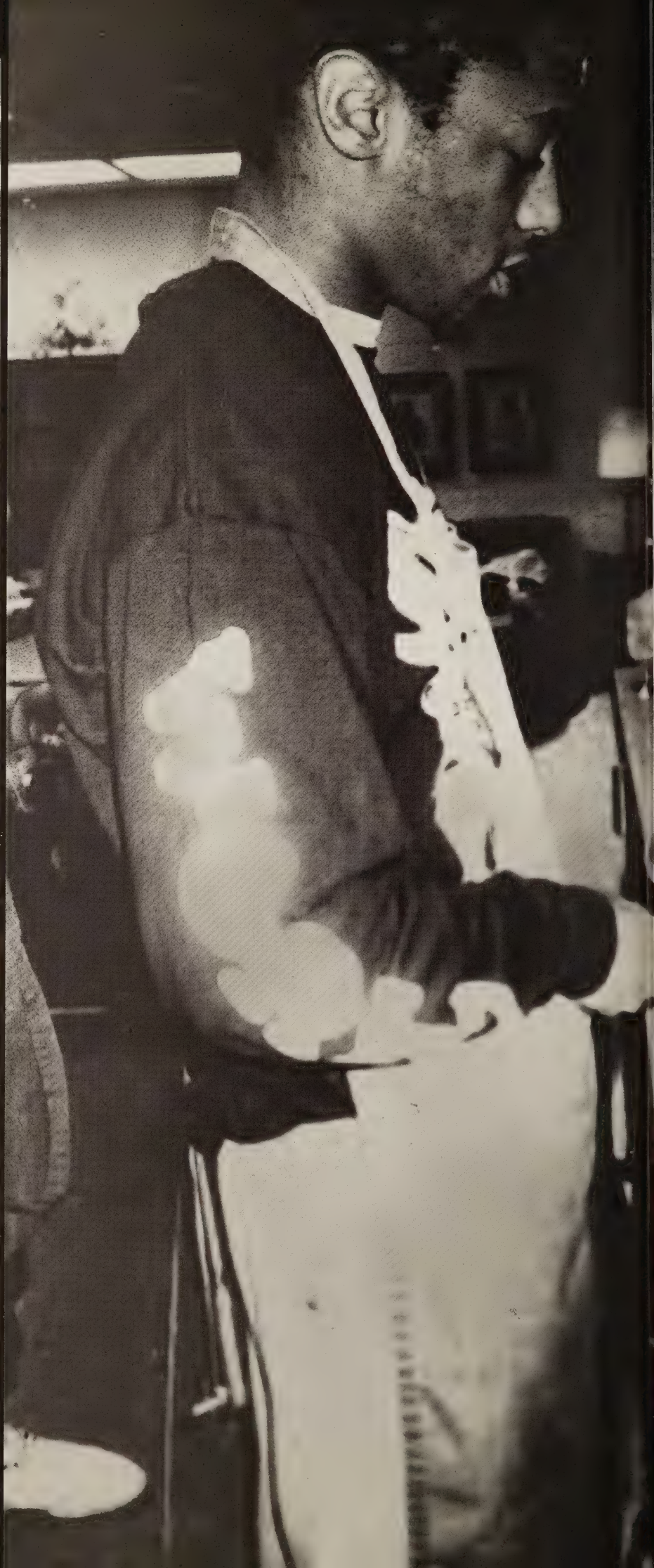
Some clubs which are not as well known as the others, but equally important, are FHA, HERO, and HOSA. FHA stands for Future Homemakers of America. This club is widely participated in and helps to give students hands-on experience while having fun at the same time. "We had a pumpkin carving and we made gingerbread houses," commented FHA officer Jenny Tudek. The club also helped to collect toys for needy children during the holidays. Other community activities and competitions were participated in by the members of FHA.

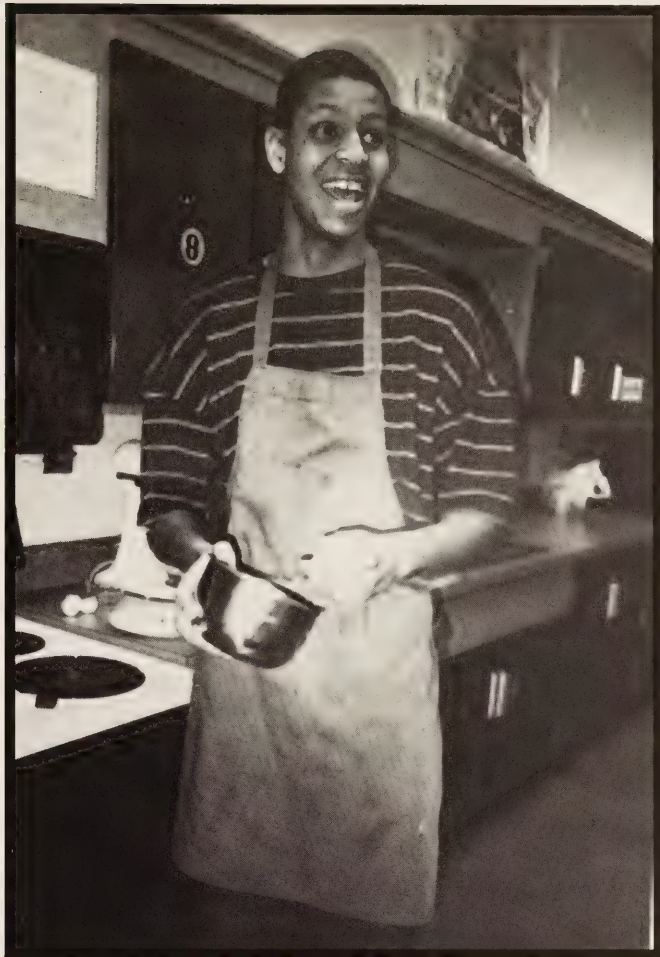
HERO and HOSA are extensions of FHA which stand for Home Economics Related Occupations and Health Occupation Student Association. The sponsor for these clubs is Pat Allen and she helped to prepare students for the future. "We participate in competitions on the local, state, and national level. It's cool because if we win we get to go places like Virginia Beach and St. Louis," said Tye Wilson. At these competitions students have to cook foods from recipes they are supplied with and are judged on the appearance and taste of the food. These clubs could be joined and enjoyed by anyone with an interest in home economics or the art of culinary. *Story by Sara Philpott.*



Cooked To Perfection Stirring the ingredients in the skillet, Rakeya Baker tries her hand at cooking. Many people viewed these classes as an "easy A", but in reality hard work went into the preparation of each meal. Students had to pay close attention because some would go on to represent their school in competitions. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*

Julia Child? Learning his way around the kitchen, Ken Gunn cooks up a recipe he learned in class. Courses like Home Economics taught students important skills that would become necessary later in life, especially if they were planning on having a family. *Photo by Kelly Combs.*





Service With A Smile Stirring up the batter, Michael Waller sports a stylish apron. Students who took home economics not only learned a lot, but also had fun while doing it. There was always satisfaction to be had in a job well done; whether it was a successful recipe or the creation of a new fashion.

Photo by Kelly Combs.

Paper Work Joining her students at their table, Mrs. Penny Shelton explains the next project they will be doing. Virgil Taylor takes careful notes while Lynn Morris lays back and relaxes as she listens. Home economics was a lot of hands on work, but students were still expected to take notes and tests.

Photo by Christy Stoner.



HOSA: *Front Row:* Kristina Gates, Crystal Martinez, Franda Ferguson, Amy Sharp *Second Row:* Jennifer Weldon, Amanda Sparks, Anita Bowling, Shelly Dewiler



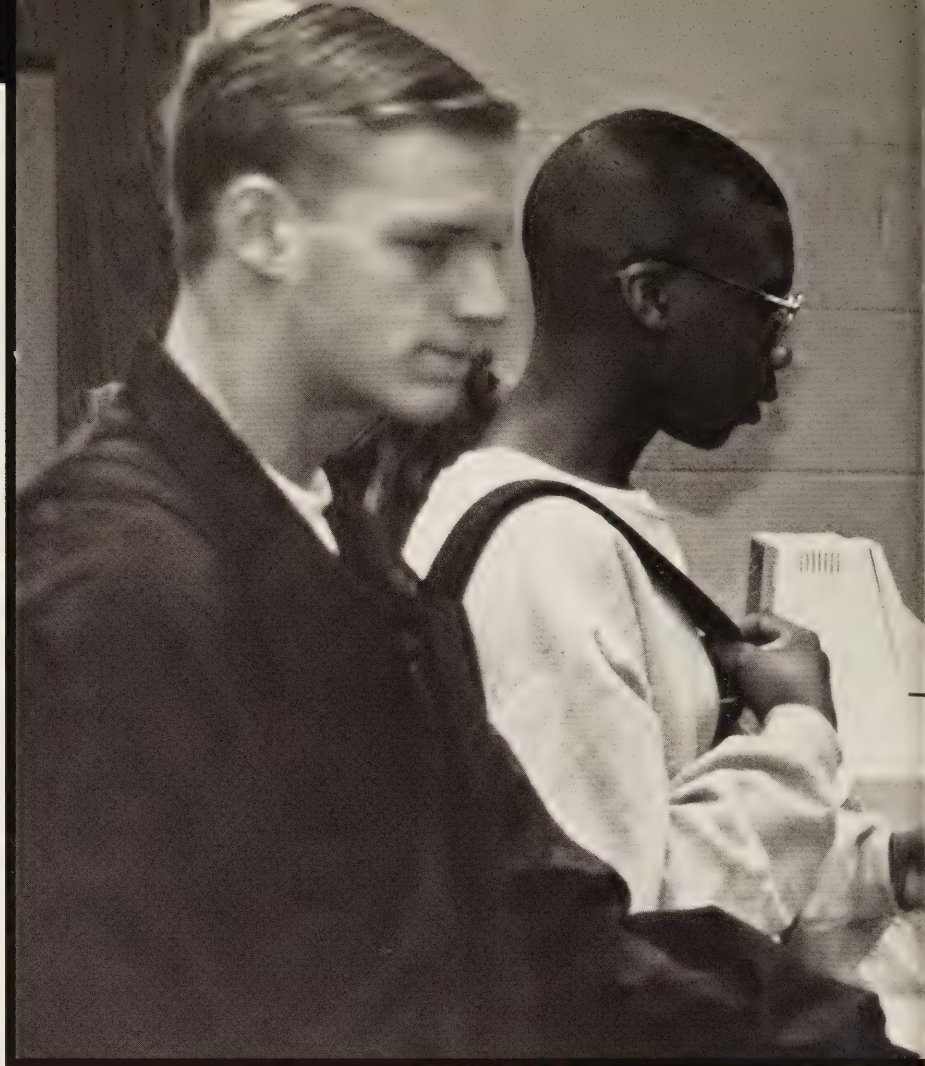
FHA & HERO: Richard Sullivan, Amy Potter, Patricia Gibson, Jennifer Weldon

FBLA and DECA

Future Business Leaders and Distributive Education Clubs of America

The FBLA had many members. Students who were enrolled in business classes or even computer classes tended to be the mass majority of the club members. Not only did the FBLA teach students how to operate a business and help them understand how a business becomes successful, but it also has other positive effects on the students. For example, Ben Hall stated, "Not only am I more conscientious about businesses, but also the FBLA has raised my IQ 25 points." Ben was not the only one who felt the positive effects of the club. David Lane said, "The FBLA has hooked me up with mad jobs." Students felt that the FBLA was a very accumulative club. "I've been in FBLA for two years, and I learn more each year," remarked Irene Whaling.

The DECA club met probably the most frequently out of all the clubs. As one can tell from the title, the purpose of the DECA Club is to distribute education as widespread as possible. The club provided as a great extracurricular activity for many students. *Story by Jesse Hanson.*



DECA: *Front Row:* Amy Lesney, Melissa White, Kevin Drury, BJ Rodgers, Heidi Qualls, Melissa Hughes, Bonnie Hamilton, Stella Daymude, India Clemens, Felisha Rivers, Nicole Taylor *Second Row:* Mrs. Simms, Amy Gower, Kristin Phillips, Missy Sullivan, Jackie Braja, Jenny Tuscany, Kelly Oliver, Jennifer Mitchell, Sarah Bishop, Dawn Tresco, Katrina Gilbert, Lainey Jeffries, Christie Tokar, Raymond Meadows *Third Row:* Justin Gayler, Matt Bourne, David Powers, Mark Barrera, Chance Lane, Nathan Richards, Robert Withers, Ryan Cahill, Steve Piot, Sabri Duff, Corey Williams, Brandi Sanderson

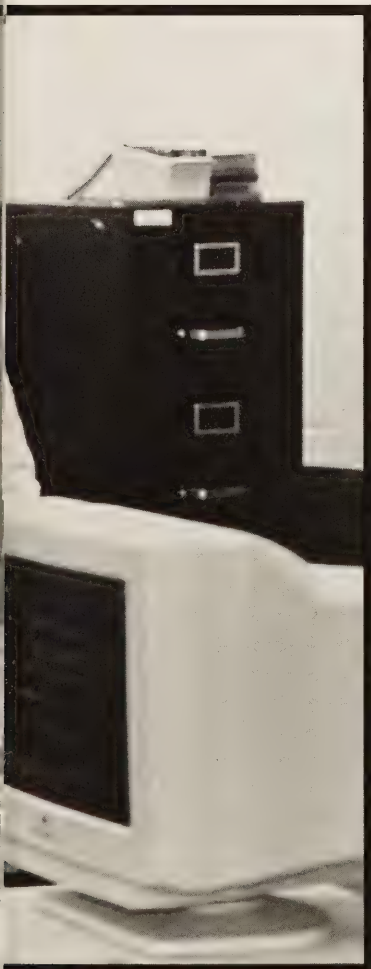
Punters Can Type Too. Keeping a watchful eye, Janica Wine stares at a typing Sean Sullivan. English students often found themselves in the computer room working on a project, made easier with the help of a computer program such as *Discovering Authors*. *Photo by Ben Malay.*





Making Sales Taking an order, Angie Cline gets ready to grab the necessities of the customers of the Stafford High School Store. The outside display always featured some fancy-dancy schabang with blinking lights or eye-catching decorations sponsored in part by DECA. Photo by Ben Malay.

Coopertive Office Education *Front Row:* Rebecca Hamn, Stephanie Nagy, Patricia Throne, Tia Jewell
Second Row: Jeanne Rector, Bessie Friend, Irene Whaling, Luaren Wright, Tiffany Sullivan *Third Row:* Jennifer Smith, Susan Cary, Latoria Parker, Tony Hamrick, Starla Rockwell



FBLA: *Front Row:* Melanie Hill, Mide Loving, Kim Cooper, Mickea Robinson, Allison Dobson, Tiffany Sullivan, Christina Bradman *Second Row:* Brian Pitts, Anne Davidson, Trish Trowe, Lari McKennan, Yolanda McQuinn, Belicia Rivers, Candice Jankins, Lauren Wright, Irene Whaling, Bobbie Lawson *Third Row:* Mrs. Dixon, Jason Elliot, Heather Lillibridge, Marchellanie Ingram, Nadya Popova, Matt Bourne, Ben Hall, David Lane, Jason Ladmirault, Jeff Trigger *Fourth Row:* Joey Hodge, Trent McEwen, Chris Burgess, Chris Westoff, Turner Ashby, Matt Cull, Mike Shugart, Brian Knight



FBLA: *Front Row:* Crystal Martinez, Jamie Hillion, Kelli Shremp, Vicki Morgan, Chrissy Buck, Felicia Rivers, Courtney Blake, Amanda Evans, Sarah Hall, Melissa Rose, Amanda Summers *Second Row:* Mike Kraine, Ryan Lynch, Frances Truslow, Janica Wine, Trish Trone, Nancy Cowans, Bonnie Zaiko, Dena Logan, Julie Martens, Cory Norbutes, Lisa Woods *Third Row:* James Trihn, Rodney Newton, Heather Mix, Matt Dursa, Becky Doyal, Sean Mullins, Jennifer Phelps, Pat Rizer

Challenging Your Mind

Chess, Forensics, and Environment Club

What is there to be said about the Chess Club, Forensics, and the Environment Club? Hmmmmmm... this is a tough assignment.

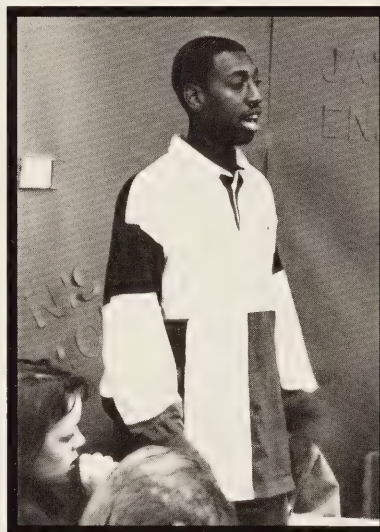
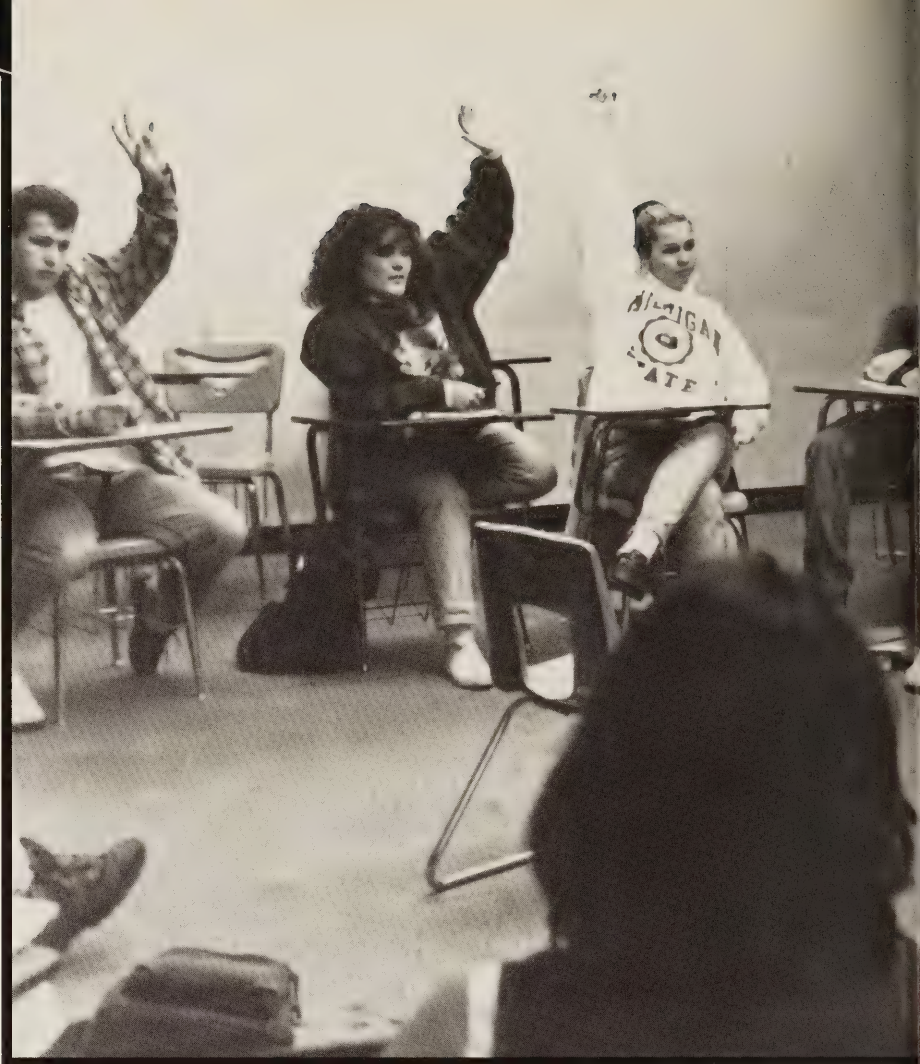
In its third year, the Chess Club appears to be moving forward (but only one space at a time and they can only attack diagonally). Led by English teacher Mr. Ladmirault, the Chess Club spends afternoons hovering intensely over the chess boards. Let's hope that our photographers used high speed film to capture all of the incredible action of the game.

Forensics and Debate are aiming for success under the masterful eye of Mrs. Jeana DeCarli, who will from here on in be referred to as the "Cookie Queen" because of the Otis Spunkmeyer cookies that she sells as a fund raiser for her club. "We're doing really well. Having a really successful year." said the Cookie Queen when harassed about how they were doing. John-Boy Torrey, Dennis Carmody, and Scott Ferebee lead the all-star cast for the speech and acting competitions while Tom Marlow and Becky Bricken dominate the Congress and Debate competitions. "I shoveled DeCarli's driveway all winter and I still didn't get any extra credit!!!!" complained Tom Marlow. But he shouldn't complain since he had the first opportunity to get some of those famous Cookie Queen cookies that everybody knows and loves.

As for the Environment Club, they kept themselves busy this year protecting the environment and all that other green stuff (no, not money) for future generations of Staffordites to enjoy. Rita Botts was often seen placing fliers and other informative posters trying to rally support for her good cause. The club is headed up by the A.P. Government head-honcho Mr. David Shotwell, who is best known for the orange VW Bug that he drives to and from school each day. Mr. Shotwell took up this arduous task with good spirits and continues to seek support. *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*

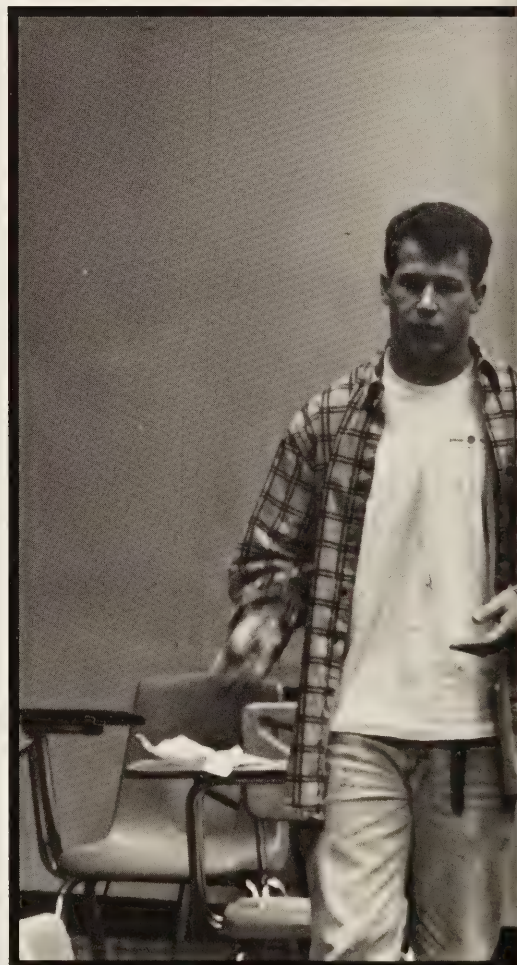


Environmental Club: *Front Row:* Katie Fartro, Shriily Barnes, Andrea Miley, Liz Kravetz, Becky Oliver, Deanna Wengerter, Elisa Mercado, Katherine Brennan, Ben Robinson *Second Row:* Joey Hanzel, Brendan Ahearn, Jessica Rose, Katie Jacoby, Beth MacDonald, Arline Weeks, Katie Kolakowski, Mr. Summers *Third Row:* Crystal Chavonelle, Taylor Blackburn, Lori Ripper, Rita Botts, Jenny McGee, Jennifer McPartland, Elizabeth Staggs, Kathy Brewington



Blah, Blah, Blah. Making a point, Gerrad Brooks addresses fellow Forensics students in hopes of swaying their votes.

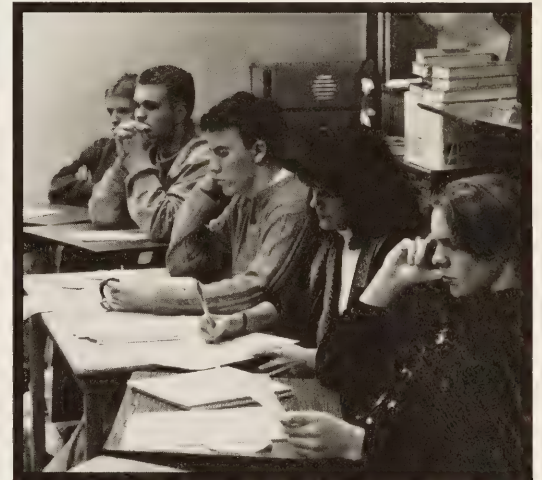
Four score and seven years ago... Trying to be persuasive, Brandon Ratliffe speaks his mind as Beth DiSalvo listens intently. Speaking was just one of the many things that Forensics allowed students to excel.



DEBATE & CHESS CLUBS

All in favor... Raising their hands, members of Forensics vote on a bill as Jason McKnight and Mrs. DeCarli monitor them. Forensics had a very successful year due to the hard working students and the watchful eye of Mrs. DeCarli.

Write faster. Taking notes, Mrs. DeCarli monitors the discussion as Jason McKnight times the speaker and Dennis Carmody concentrates on the speaker. Mrs. DeCarli led Dennis, Jason, and all of the other members to a successful year.



Forensics and Debate Club: *Front Row:* Tia Campbell, Niki Tyson, John Torrey, Meghan Green *Second Row:* Darragh Copley, Adrienne Brown, Coleman Tyson, Jesse Hanson, Courtney Berry



Chess: *First Row:* Liz Kravetz, Laurie Ripper, Ben Robinson *Second Row:* Christian Linclon, Mike Krain, Emily Spindler, Mr. Ladmirault *Third Row:* Coleman Tyson, Warren Payne, Arron Prowett, Adam Lincoln



Industry at Its Best

The leaders of tomorrow

"We're the only department that can design and build a house, fix your car, and do your hair all at the same time."

C. W. Harrison.

This was the unofficial motto of the Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA). The VICA club was one of the most active and educational clubs. Some of the classes from which members of the club were drawn include Automechanics, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Drafting, CTE, Electricity, and Masonry. "VICA exposes you to all aspects of the real world," shared Stacy Bushey.

VICA had an annual fruit fund raiser from which they donated a portion to the local nursing homes, homeless shelter, and Stafford athletic teams, such as wrestling and gymnastics. For the first time this year, the club provided two scholarships of two hundred dollars a piece, in honor of Retha Jones, a former cosmetology teacher who taught at Stafford for 28 years.

VICA cosmetology students fix the hair of students in the special education classes once a week. Cristi Torrice said that "It is a good experience, it gives us practice and makes us feel good to do something for someone else."

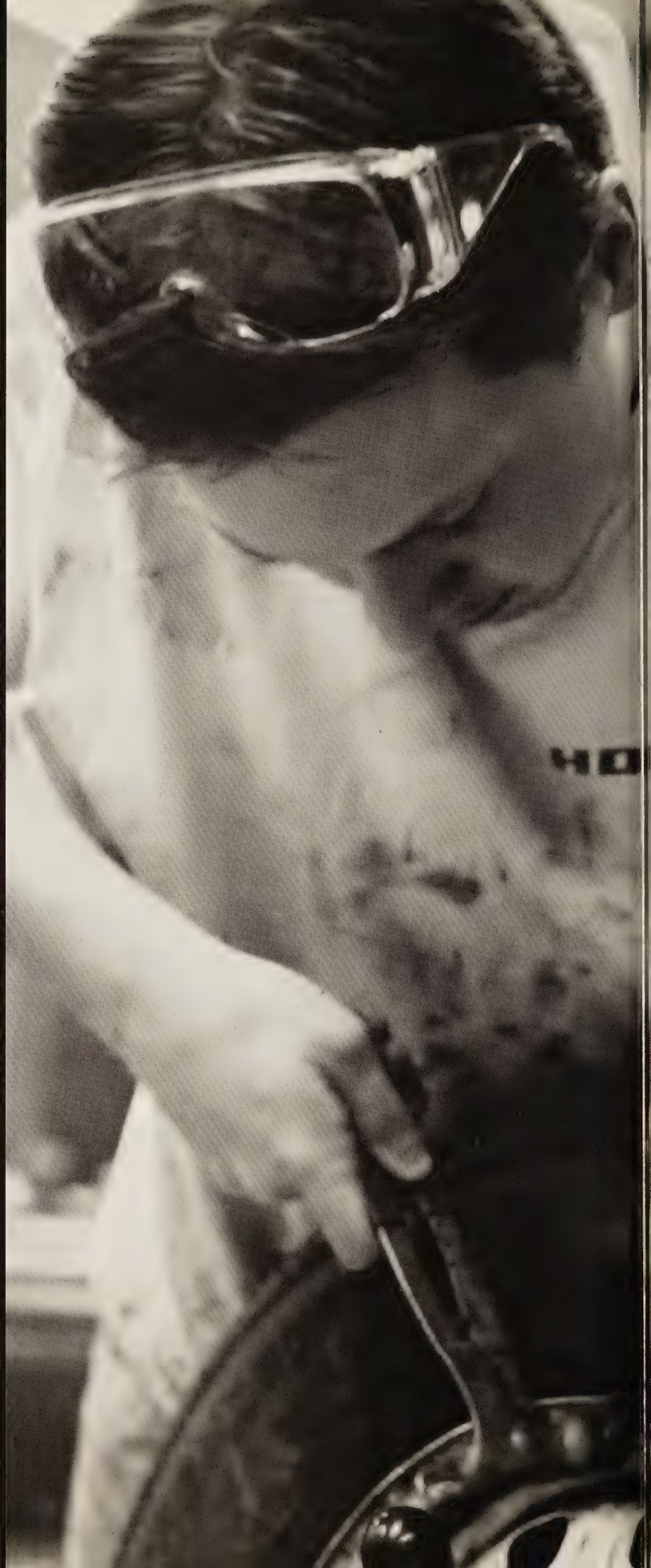
The major project of the club was called BOOTS. Students in various classes worked together to build a house. They were currently building their sixth and designing their seventh home. Brad Cooper explained "It teaches us something we can actually use."

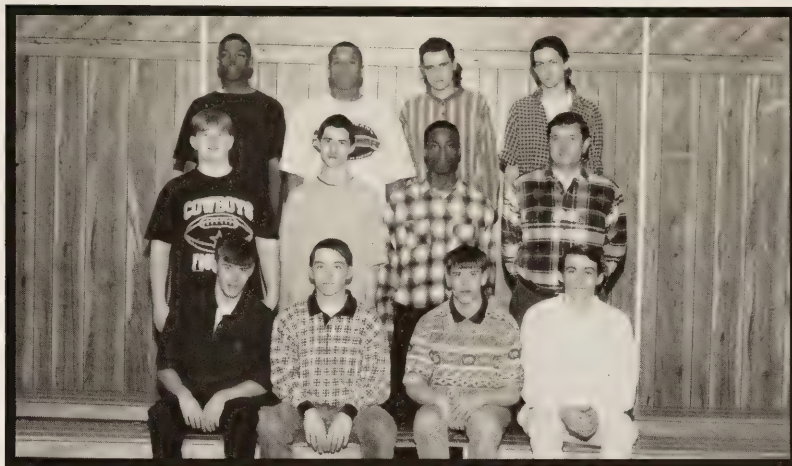
On February sixth VICA held their leadership contest. The year before they had won gold at the state competition and went on to Kansas for the Nationals. VICA supervisor, Mr. Jett said, "We hope to repeat last year's victory." On March twenty-first VICA held their skills contest, in which the students compete based on their various classes. Cosmetology, for instance, had to cut and style a specific hairstyle in a certain amount of time. All of these events educated and challenged students in a way that prepared them for the real world. This was not only helpful, but enjoyable as well. "If you can't have fun in VICA, don't be in it," said Robert Kelly. The picnic that is held for VICA students at Brooks Park at the end of the year, celebrates this idea. *Story by Mary-Curtis Smart.*



Hair Styles French braiding the mannequin, Natalie Kelly watches her fingers weave the hair. Fixing hair was a part of cosmetology's VICA competition. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

Working Man Taking the tire off the rim, Chadd Gardner concentrates on his work. This was one of the many lessons students in automechanics learned. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Carpentry: *Front Row:* Billy McCain, Jonathan Truslow, Bobby Bowling, Chris Dorsey *Second Row:* Gary Randall, TJ Leach, Jason Majors, Mr. Terry Wilson *Third Row:* Prentice Wright, Monte Lambert, David Ojibway, Ronnie Richardson



Masonry *Front Row:* Jeri Benfield, Adam Clary, Steven Childress, David Thompson, William Wenzel, Patrick O'Sullivan *Second Row:* Ray Meadows, Jason Burrows, Buck Newtin, Jason Loving, Darrel Siso, Mr. Ron Beverly *Third Row:* David Thompson, Justin Bullock, Justin Kelley, Richard Perry, Gary Dove, James Loving, **Not Pictured:** Brandon Brooks



Automechanics: *Front Row:* Chad Gardner, Josh Chumley, Robert Miles, Robert Copdwin, Nathan Bourn, Daniel Jewell, Nathan Cherrico, Samantha Wright, Andria Miley *Second Row:* Jason Peterson, Warren Payne, Larry Baldeson, Jed Snyder, Justin Fitzgerald, David Thompson, Dustin Titlow, Josh Schmidt, Shawn Stum *Third Row:* DJ Fluellen, Jerry Benfield, Robby Russel, Jeremy Farrar, Tommy Yonts, Chris Bowman, Justin Pillion, Heather Copley, Tony Hamrick *Fourth Row:* Josh Orner, William Mullens, Steven Long, Jason Westerland, Tim Burchum, Scott Boyd, Daniel Brown, Travis Brassart, James Loving, Chris Snellings, Jeremy Mathias, John Conraoy, Jason Stanley, Buddy Walker *Fifth Row:* Jason Howdershelt, Scott Crouch, Alex O'Daonald, Brad Wolf, Nathan Richards, Joey Hodge, Reese Bans, Doug Gomez



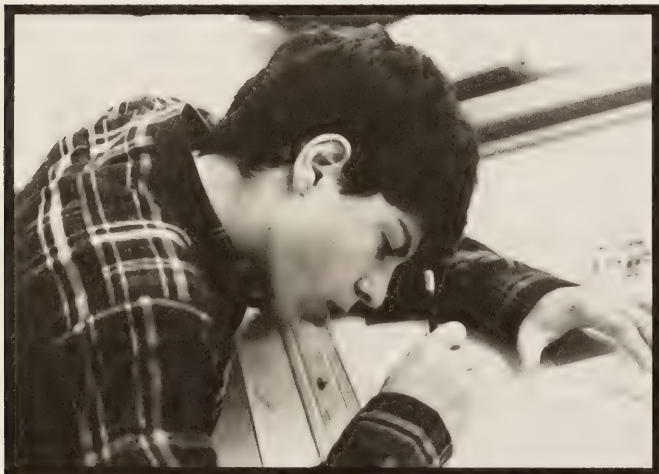
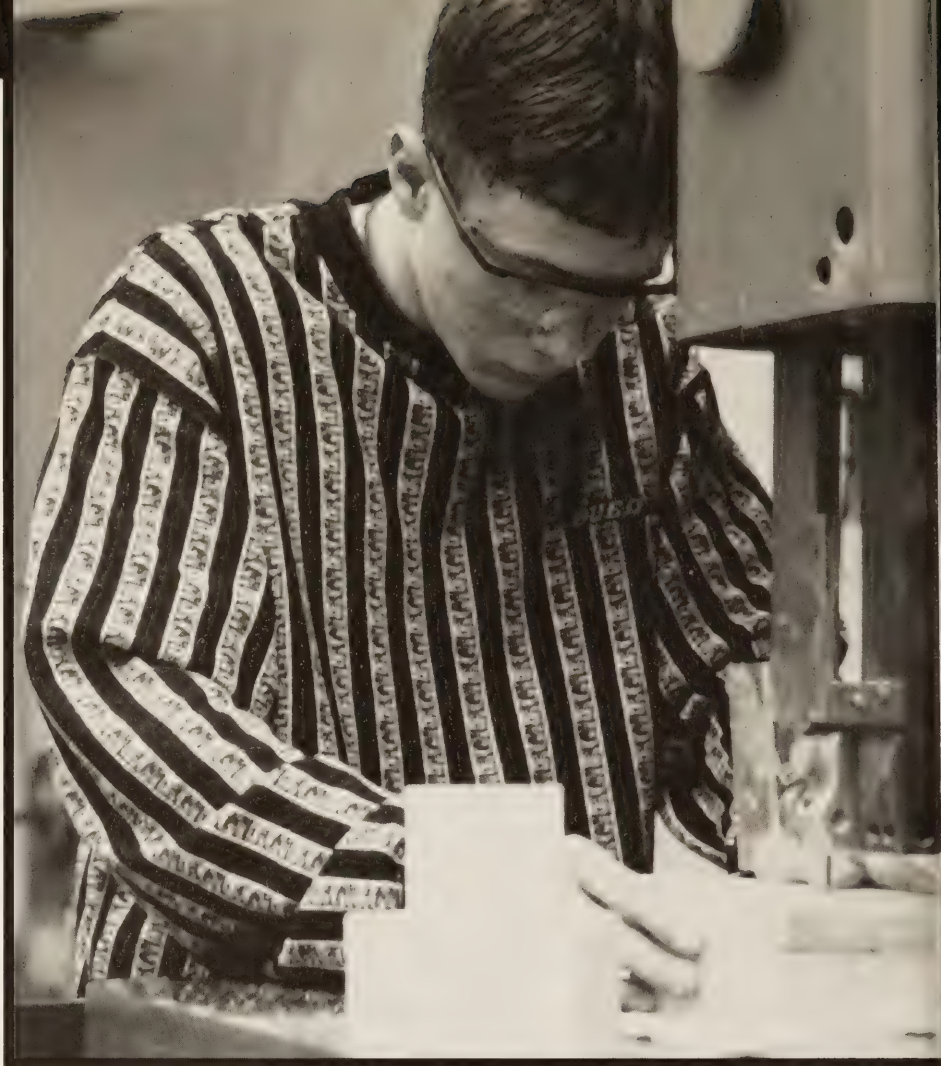
Cosmetology: *Front Row:* Jeannie Davis, Kelli Conners, Amy Baker, Naomi Jolley, Jeanina Fitzgerald, Dorris Gayle *Second Row:* Jenny Gallindd, Shirley Evans, Stacey Bushey, Stephanie Robinson, Stacey Jackson

Cutting Up! Not class, his woodworking abilities are on display as Seth Bourne moves forth with the intent to shape up or at least end up with something descent out of that little piece of lumber. Students learned how to operate the machines in order to accomplish their classroom feats. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Hard Work

Preparing students for their future

From drawing geometric figures to building projects the students of TSA and VICA, creatively passed their time by attending meetings, paying dues and going on field trips. In order to join TSA you don't have to be in a vocational class yet with VICA that is necessary. President of TSA Jeff Carpenter enthusiastically explained of an upcoming TSA trip, "We are looking forward to our competition in Hampton, Virginia." At this competition they will compete in such categories as building and problem solving. Everyone always looks forward to the famed VICA orange sales. This is one of the ways VICA raises money for the club activities it does throughout the year. "TSA is a lot of fun to be in, we have competitions and other things, but we really don't do much within the school," Jeff Carpenter again explained. Though most students know what TSA and VICA are, not everybody does, for example, Sarah Jones who stated, "Vica stands for vocational something or other." *Story by Sean L. Farmer.*



Up In His Business! Concentrating extremely hard Mike Roberts begins to finish up a sketch of some of his best work. Patience was a key factor in the success of the drafting students.

Photo by Jennifer Stockdill.

Just About Right Putting some genuine thought into his next mark of the pencil, C.W. Harrison remains frozen in time battling the decision of what to do. Much more was needed for drafting than the ability to be able to look at pictures and know your measurements. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





TSA: *Front Row:* Kristi Moyers, Tim Nimo, Thomas Coppage, Tony DiMaio, David Lane, Carl Banks *Second Row:* James Trent, Mark Hylwa, David Ojibway, Kevin Good, Ben Robinson *Third Row:* Rodney Newton, Coleman Tyson, Curtis Calherus, Matt Minx, Jeff Carpenter, JW Boutchard



CTE *Front Row:* Dawn Baker, Amy Baker, Beth Patton, Staci Killion, Leeann Smith, Brian Mitchell, Jason Reed, Billy Penaranda, Jason Bishop *Second Row:* Shawn Brown, Joey Buckner, Travis Riddle, Prosser Lough, Nikole Tyson, Jamie French, Chuck Harris, Kevin Halverson, Brandon Farmer *Third Row:* Tim Byrne, Jared Brooker, David George, David Shafferman, Shane Musselman, Graham Russel, Troy Carneal, Leonard Chavis, Travis Sanders



Drafting *Front Row:* Lynne Thomas, Jeffrey Carpenter, Jonathan Rothwell, David Heflin *Second Row:* Shari Marsh, Darnell Hobbs, Mike Roberts, Matt Morin, Ben Sehl, John Paul Grizzle *Third Row:* John Paul Rapier, Robert Daley, Kurt Chewning, Jason Wood, Steven Mills, Kevin Pemberton *Fourth Row:* Rico Wilson, Tim Powell, Jeremy Farrar, Michael Brown, Josh Bailey, Dale Ocheltree



Electricity: *Front Row:* Jason Elliot, David Stout, Adam Lincoln, Mike Sekellick, Bobby Wells, Adam Roberts *Second Row:* Tim Bogle, Robbie Thomas, Eddie Johnson, Brad Wolff, Jason Loving, T.J. Bell *Back Row:* Darryl Mc Murry, Jason Howdershelt, John Neal, Jason Marley, Chris Watson, Dwayne Wallace

A World of Knowledge

Commitment...

Titration, thermochemistry, stoichiometry... These words may all sound like a foreign language, but are merely terms which Science Club members used daily. Beyond the classroom material, Science Club members conducted numerous experiments to further their knowledge about the science world. Melissa Derr said, the "experiments we do explain why things are. And the best part of the club is Matt Danzi because he is the whiz of chemistry." Matt Danzi was a graduate of Stafford in 1996 and he was a wealth of knowledge concerning chemistry. He came back to Stafford occasionally to visit old friends and teachers and to see what was going on in the science department. Even with all the activities they participated in though, Jennie Korniotis, co-president of the club, commented, the club is an "important part of Stafford, but it needs to be recognized more."

From visiting local sights, having guest speakers, to monthly discussions at the retirement community about things people have experienced, the History Club had a busy schedule. Mr. Powell, the History Club sponsor described the club as trying "to take history from a non-classroom point of view." For the future, the club is aiming to work on a document about the history of Stafford County with the Video Broadcasting class. Torie Keeton, the Vice President of the club said, it's "a great learning experience and we enjoy going downtown a lot because it's a wonderful way to learn about things, first-hand experience."

The Science and History Clubs had a jam-packed agenda, but were clubs with a whole lot of benefit for the mind and gave members a sense of fulfillment because of the information they picked up by participating in the club events. *Story by Gina More.*



Yellow Submarine During half time at the Homecoming Game, the History Club presents its float. The History Club had an active year from their regular meetings to learning about the past.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Physics Magic Conducting the annual Physics Bridge experiment, Mr. Byrne adds weights to a bucket tied to a bridge which a student created. Students in Physics classes were assigned the task of building a bridge according to specific requirements to see if it would be able to withstand a lot of weight. *Photo by Ben Malay.*



NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY



History Club: *First Row:* Sara Wood, Melanie Biscoe, Tori Keeton, Shari Marsh, Ashby Conway, Cathy Adams, Chrissy Throne *Second Row:* Shawn Milton, Deanna Wengert, Olivia Puma, Trish Trowe, Melane Wood, Christina Gray, Mr. Powell *Third Row:* Ben Robinson, Andy Craver, Laurie Ripper, Danny Setzer, Delilah Puma, Claudia Schibili, James Trinh



Battle of the Brains: *Front Row:* Elizabeth Holland, Kate Nuckols, Jamie Thompson, Joey Katz *Second Row:* Andy Stamps, Bryan Ennis, Paul Bogardus



National Art Honor Society: *Front Row:* Mary Smart, Jessica Rose, Jennifer Brown, Leah Rubin, Rane Fetherman *Second Row:* Amy Mann, Melanie Biscoe, Cecilia Cho, Jenn Stockdill, Shannon Morris, Amy Branscome, Amber Flippo, Elizabeth Cho *Third Row:* Jean Fox, Ryan Scoggins, Ryan Gorman, Jeremy Conrad, Chris Bunn, Jason Bast *Not Pictured:* Rita Botts, Casey Sullivan, Liz Kravetz, Mark Lutterbie, Kelly Combs, Jeremy Cropp



Science: *Front Row:* Deanna Wernter, Whitney Lucado, Jennie Korniot, Joey Katz *Second Row:* Camden Walker, Melissa Derr, Allison Derr, Megan Staab *Third Row:* JR Redding, Jennifer McPartland, Tomas Coppage

Helping Out

Helping their fellow students.

There has always been a number of groups and clubs offered to students who wish to participate in extra curricular activities. Students Serving Stafford, Recruiters, and Sports Medicine were among the ones offered this year. Members of SSS, sponsored by Sue Gill, did their part in the county this year by helping at nursing homes and holding a food drive during the holidays.

The Recruiters, with the assistance of Mrs. Linda Randall, spent time praying at the flag pole during meetings, or before and after school. This was the more religious club offered to students during the 96-97 school year.

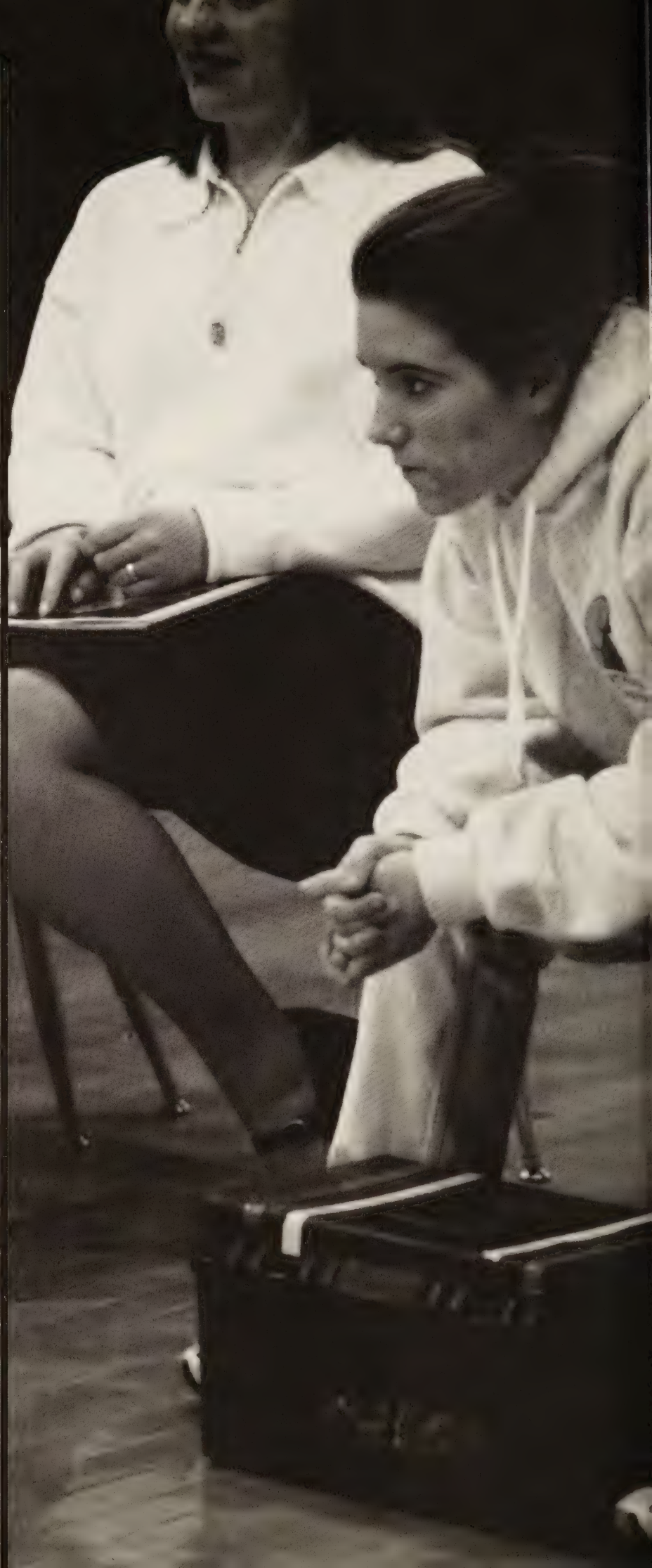
Angela Buttery and her helpers were members of the Sports Medicine Club. They could be seen at football games, basketball games, and wrestling meets ready to help in case of an injury. Prepared with water, tape, band-aids, and braces, they were ready to assist anything from the tiniest scrape to a sprain. Mrs. Buttery taught her members how to handle everything from icing to wrapping and in many cases there were athletes in the training room being bound up by one of her students. "Sports medicine is my favorite class. I want to go into something like it for my profession, so it's good preparation to have on hand training," said Sarah Hall.

Run through the guidance department, students had the opportunity to do some counseling of their own. Peer mediators were welcome by many students who preferred to talk to someone their own age instead of an adult. Teens were prepared by real counselors on how to give advice to troubles kids their age. "I like being able to know that I made a difference," said Jesse Hanson, a peer mediator. *Story by Danielle King.*



A Southern Thing? Cathy Adams, Elizabeth Staggs, Melani Wood, and Sara Wood debate the Confederate flag at a Student Unity meeting. Issues such as this were the backbone of the club. Debates on unity topics were a common activity among the members of the club. *Photo by Bryan Ennis.*

To the Rescue On hand in case of an emergency, Candy Harpine watches intently during the wrestling match. Sports Medicine students were always present at games and matches to assist injuries. Mrs. Buttery trained her students well, and taught them to handle just about anything. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



STUDENTS SERVING STAFFORD & RECRUITERS CLUBS



Ethnic Unity: *Front Row:* Mrs. Sargent, Deanna Wengert, Eliza Mercado, Malory Ennis, Ashby Conway, Miguel Columbell, Patti Hurlock, Christina Columbell, Justine Rittenour, Rebecca Washburn, Katie Roberts *Second Row:* Brendon Ahearn, Adam Wengert, Melissa Reedy, Karli Fredette, Gina More, Jenn Stockdill, Katie Scaife, Wilhemina Moss, Mr. Powell *Third Row:* Bob Mills, Christian Lincoln, Andy Craver, Laurie Ripper, Adam Lincoln, Brain Ennis, Chris Westhoff, Ben Robinson, Alden Hingle



Interact Club: *Front Row:* Derek Fults, Jamie Hillion, Bobbie DeCateur, Amanda Summers, Kristi Moyers, Jennie Korniotis, Missy Derr, Kristy Carter, Megan Hanson *Second Row:* Shannon Liepold, Stephanie Hefferman, Stephanie Trant, Sara Hatcher, Beth McDonald, Allison Derr, Katie Scaife, Katie Jacoby *Third Row:* Amanda Lee, Meghan Wilson, Laurie Ripper, Brandon Cash, Jennifer McParland, Jenn Stockdill, Jessica Moore *Not Pictured:* Bonnie Combs, Amber Sullivan



SADD: *Front Row:* Whitney Lucado, Missy Derr, Jennie Kornotes, Melissa White, Ashby Conway, Melanie Wood, Elisa Mercado, Kelly Self *Second Row:* Heather Henkle, Kristi Moyers, Irene Whaling, Jamie French, Hiedi Bach, Allison Hales, Deanna Wengert, Amber Flippo, Deron Maeyer, Courtney Berry *Third Row:* Katie Fox, Kris Denson, Laura Crigler, Mike Brown, Todd Blose, Jamie Ennis, Angela Seal, Shelley Valentine, Tiffany Rutland, Christina Grey *Fourth Row:* Arron Prowett, JW Boutchard, Brett Lively, Jason McKnight, James Trent, Leo Manster, Meghan Green, Chris Cahill, Beth MacDonald



Students Serving Stafford: *Front Row:* Ashby Conway, Sarah Evans, Becca Kimmritz, Erin Kerby, Amy Lesney, Lisa Stidham, Jesse Hanson *Second Row:* Rita Botts, Thomas Perone, Kristy Moyers, Christie Tokar, Ben Robinson, Lindsay Coker, Mrs. Gill *Third Row:* Matt Donaldson, Kim Murphy, Laura Calloway, Rebekah Meyers, Jennifer McParland, Melissa Mullins, Sarah Danzi

Telegrams and Togas

French and Latin Clubs

Like a monster in a really bad, B-rate, horror flick, Latin just won't die. Then again, neither will French so I guess the world will just have to live with it. Thanks to these two wonderful languages, Stafford's brave and lazy alike can enjoy the homey, close-knit, family feeling by becoming a brother or sister of either the French or Latin Club.

The French Club once again contributed to the lovey-dovey atmosphere at Stafford with flowers, balloons, and even singing telegrams for Valentine's Day. Led by the man of romance and sensitivity, John Torrey, the French Club fought back against violence with flowers and words. "Sending telegrams and flowers makes people happy and is a great way to make money for our club," said French Club member Adrienne Brown. Also if you join the French Club you may get to go on a field trip to Georgetown in order to have a serious day of shopping, just like the serious days you'll have in the class.

But speaking of difficult classes, Latin may be more than you bargained for if you expect an easy ride for Mr. Wray, sometimes known as W³. President of the Latin Club, Whitney Lucado, was too busy planning for a pizza party to give a comment in English, but she did say a few words in Latin, but I doubt you'd understand any better than I did and they seemed to have a bad connotation if you know what I mean. (if you don't then stop reading this blurb and go look at the pretty pictures) "Latin Club offers many interesting experiences, such as Kertomun (sorry if I spelled that wrong) and our Toga party at the end of the year. Our party is a lot of fun because all of the Latin I students are slaves," said Andy Stamps. So you see, Latin does help, it puts those little freshman exactly where they should be.

As much as you want to go join these clubs now, not just anyone can go become a member. You must be currently enrolled in the language to be a member, go figure. So go sign up now to take Latin and French. You can get a 15% discount off the cover price of the membership if you join between the hours of 2:00 to 3:00 in the morning on the day of September 32nd. So don't delay and go join now!! *Story by Mark Lutterbie.*

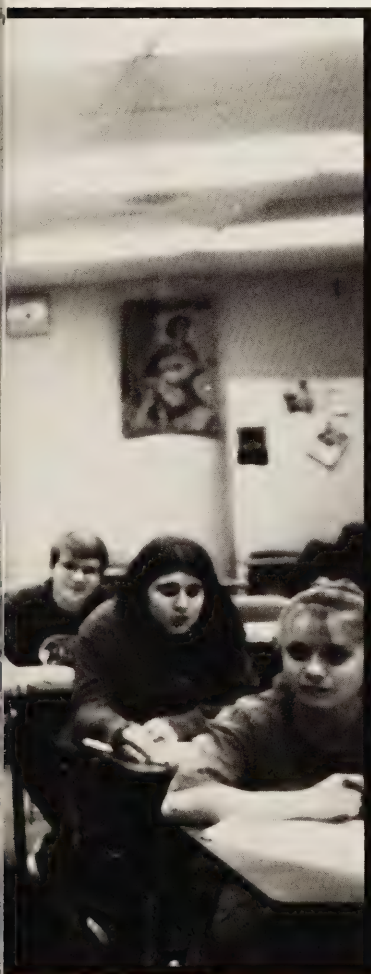
It's ALIVE!!!! IT'S ALIVE!!!!!! Lecturing his class, Mr. Wray clearly demonstrates that Latin is not a dead language. Judging by the attentive looks of Chris Westoff and Lee An Smith, one can assume that Mr. Wray, the Last Roman, made Latin much more alive than thought humanly possible.





Rome or Bust! Standing in the Coliseum in Rome, Arline Weeks poses for a picture in a great example of Roman architecture. Arline had a terrific time in Rome over the summer.

Foreign Floats. Standing in their Homecoming float, Shannon Dieppe, Rachel Maloney, Sarah Kline, Lorreen Haggerty and Michael Denning try to rally support for the illustrious foreign language float. Unfortunately, the artistic talent of these individuals was unable to win them the contest.



Latin: *Front Row:* Kerry McKinnon, Ben Sehl, Crystal Tussing, Katie Scaife, Erin Kerby, Edith Taylor, Chris Hartford, Sarah Stamps, Emily Crabtree *Second Row:* Katie Roberts, Camden Walker, Sara Philpott, Shanna Kilon, Whitney Lucado, Jennie Korniot, Allison Sheperd, Mary-Curtis Smart, Danielle King, Becky Oliver, DeeDee Bevan *Third Row:* Mike Kozicki, Emily Gilmore, Joey Harding, James Como, Melissa Rose, Christian Hilchey, David Freil, Kim Murphy, Amanda Sparks, Liz Nelson *Fourth Row:* Ben Malay, Becky Doyal, Caroline Miles, Andy Stamps, Elizabeth Campbell, Brian Ennis, Jason Yingling, Michael Donaldson, Rodney Newton, Tim Nimmo, Matt Donaldson



French Club: *Front Row:* Shannon DiPeppe, Katie Arter, Elizabeth Young, Kristi Dobel, Andy Roden, Chad Martin, Coleman Tyson, Laura Grigler, Michael Brown, Melanie Allen *Second Row:* LJ Johnson, Allison Dobson, Aaron Austin, Allison Fuller, Julie Davezac, Melissa Duer, Kensley Whittler, Megan Staab, Angie Cline, Kristin Lichtenfelds *Third Row:* Rita Botts, Shannon Morris, Emily Barwickke, Megan Wilson, Sara Elmore, Shirley Barnes, Scott Smith, Kate Godfrey, Kari Cwiak

SPANISH & GERMAN CLUBS

Teacher knows Best Mrs. McClung discusses a problem with her student Beth DiSalvo. Foreign Language was a class which most students

Aye Caramba

Salsa and Strudel

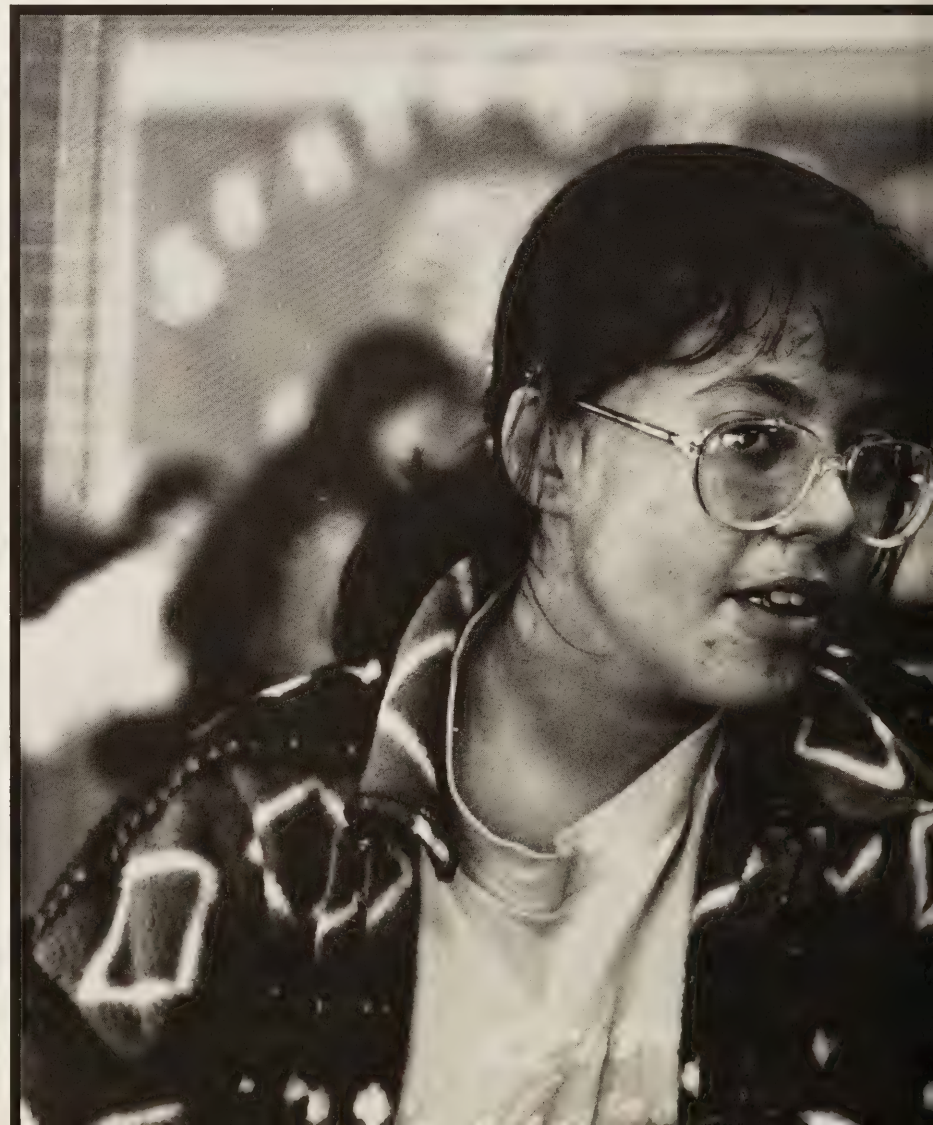
The Nacho man would be proud. Welcome to the Spanish club. Nachos at every meeting. Great videos on Spain. How much more fun could one person ask for? The Spanish Club headed by Mrs. Shugart was a club where a lot of things could happen. "Mrs. Shugart's a ball of fun," said Cesar Yealy "there's always lots of things to do in Spanish." The Toy Story and Home Alone are just a few of the many movies the Spanish students got to enjoy... in Spanish of course. "Spanish helps me because... now I can order at Taco Bell," laughed Rodrigo Perry. The Spanish Club Vice President, Andi Bordick, summed it all up by saying, "I enjoy Spanish, it is a language that is becoming very popular; plus it is a lot of fun to yell at someone in a different language, it just rolls off the tongue easier."

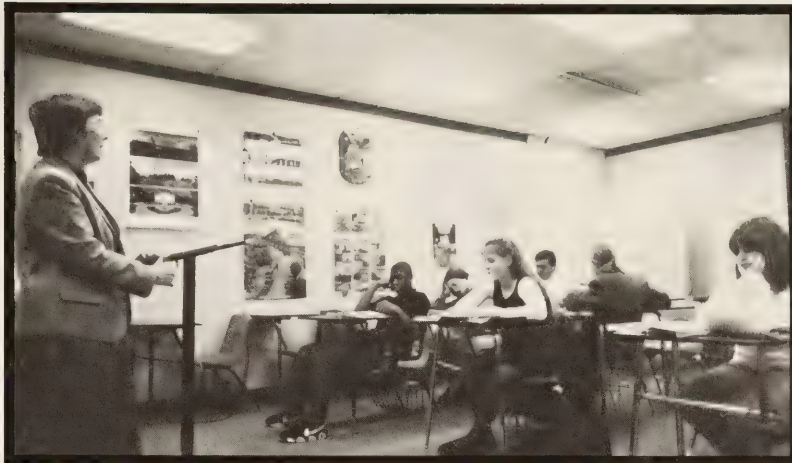
The German club was just as exciting. They did all sorts of exciting things like sell advent calendars and having authentic German dishes such as Apfelkuchen also known as apple pie. German was a popular language for many students because of the similarities it shared with English. Others like Katie Ruffatto took it because of its difficulty, "I take German because of the big words with lots of consonants which are quite a challenge." *Story by Dacia Goldman.*

Looking up Bonnie Zaiko looks at a striped pinata. The Spanish Club learned the cultures and all about the Spanish customs. *Photo by Rita Stevens.*



Talking Daphne Cashion converses with a fellow Spanish Club member. The Spanish Club was a club which many students belonged to. At the meetings there was always chips and salsa and a lot of fun. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

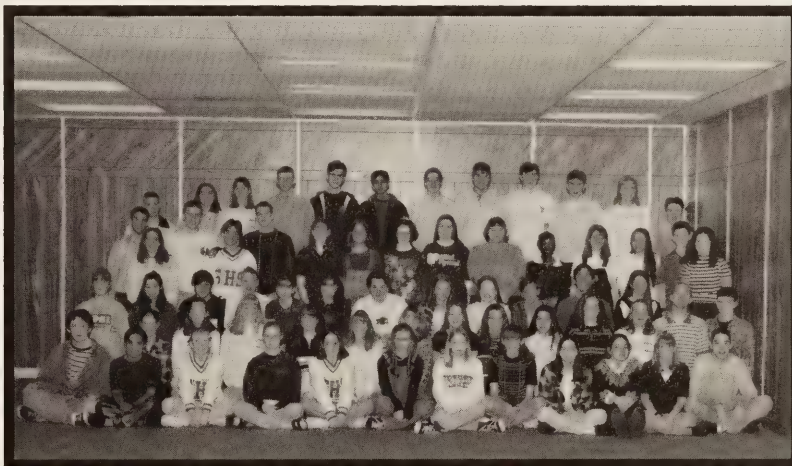




Learning a Language
As Mrs. McClung teaches German as her students Duane Hilian, Sandy Smith, and Jackie Braja look on enthusiastically. German Club was a small but active club. Photo By Carol Smith



German Club *Front Row:* Samantha Hoskins, Kate Rogers, Jackie Braja, Willy McGee, Joey Katz *Second Row:* Mallory Ennis, Maleanie Biscoe, Laura Calloway, Missy Derr, David Lane, Allison Derr *Third Row:* Patricia Gibson, Amber Flippo, Joelle Denning, Jenn Stockdill, Hunter Matheson, Chris Bunn *Fourth Row:* Matt Slaydon, Todd Blose, Kurt Chewining, Nick Powers, Michael Payne, Jay Underwood



Spanish Club *Front Row:* Joe Cozzati, Rachel Maloney, Darragh Copley, Kate Nuchols, Kristen Noel, Chrissy Buck, Kellie Shrimp, Blair Lawrence, Erin Hughes, Katie Scaiffe, Jessica Sleppy, Graham Hope *Second Row:* Amy Crawford, Jamie Hubbard, Katherine Brennan, Jessica Lee, Kate Russell, Janean Neal, Kristen Dietz, Courtney Blake, Amy Parsons, Loreen Hagerty, Whitney Eck, Jenny Witter, Kevin Ouellette, Travis Price *Third Row:* Ann Nuney, Adam Windgardner, Jennifer Smith, Erin Shea, Rebecca Washburn, Mark Perez, Ashley Ludlow, Sara Bolthouse, Mark Walpers, Kyle Hood, Kristy Carter, *Fourth Row:* Micheal Brown, Sara Edwards, Andy Rowdin, Sarah Evans, Coleman Tyson, Katie Jacoby, Darla Stevens, Melissa Realy, Kris Denson, Valerie Donelson, Nancy Cowans, Jennifer Stanley, Bonnie Zaiko, Danny Lawlor, Carly Renniger *Fifth Row:* Jacob Gadd, Andi Bordick, Laura Crigler, Chad Martain, Brain Palks, Jay Desai, Ben Robinson, Kari Fredette, John Payne, Bache Whitlock, Rita Stevens, Tim Griffith



Spanish Club *Front Row:* Melissa White, Sally Harmon, Crystal Carper, Amy Casio, Mindy Best, Bethany Foshier, Danny Powell, Ryan Muhlenkamp, Ashley Sisson *Second Row:* Mike Loving, Becky Hamm, Amy Craft, Kim Cooper, Danny Pyle, Ryan Lynch, Becky Oliver, Delilah Puma, Abby Zamera *Third Row:* Robin Reedy, Deonnal Wegenter, Sabrina Reeve, Amy Potter, Jason Bast, Melissa Skeen, Meghan Green, Mike Roberts, Jesse Hanson, Scott Ramsburg *Fourth Row:* Amy Butler, Andy Rowdon, Coleman Tyson, Chad Martin, Ryan Gorman, Michael Crosnicker, Justin Sterne, Turner Ashby, Leo Manster, Megan Spiecher

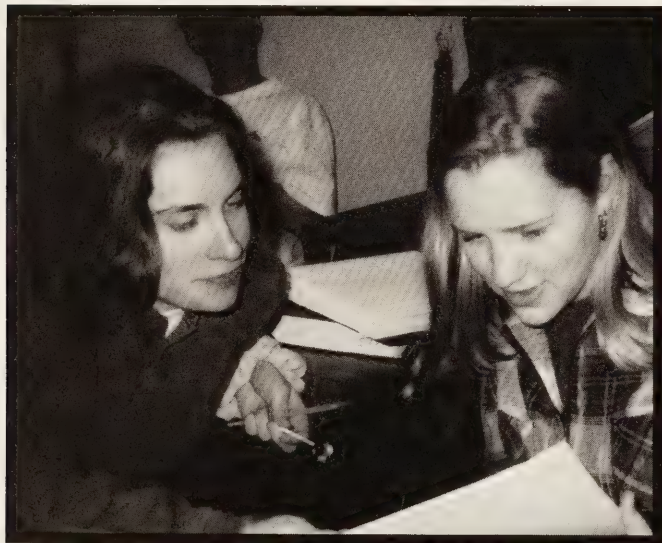
School Leaders

Leading the Way

NHS, or National Honor Society, is a club created for students of high academic achievements. Students are required to have a certain grade point average in order to be eligible for this elite club. Sophomores must have a minimum of a 3.8 average, juniors a 3.5, and seniors a 3.5.

The club is a fun source of entertainment and a great extracurricular activity. "NHS lets us help in our community through volunteer work if we do well in school," commented Sarah Danzi. Dues are paid once a year by club members. This, and other activities such as selling concessions at games, helps to raise money for the club's activities. Amy Butler considers NHS to be, "an incentive for students to do well in school."

Another position which took a lot of responsibility and commitment was that of class officers. They were expected to attend all the class meetings after school and consider the good of their whole grade when making decisions. It could often prove difficult to please such a large group of people, but they always gave it their best effort. They also held fund-raisers to raise money for class activities such as prom and homecoming. "We sold T-shirts and candy to raise money for our class," said sophomore class secretary Kristin Dietz. Both groups, NHS and class officers, gave students a chance to become more involved in their school and community. *Story by Sara Philpott.*



Teamwork Working together on an assignment, Kristin Lichtenfels and Katie Fox realize that two is often better than one when it comes tough work. Hard work in school is what got them into the National Honor Society. This club can be a rewarding experience for those who have the grades to become members. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*

It's Here Somewhere! Searching through a stack of papers, Jenny Korniotos looks for an assignment. NHS members often had a large work load, and this meant more work to sort through. The challenging classes, however, helped to prepare students for college of whatever lay in the future. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*



NHS: *Front Row:* Laura Hickman, Laura Calloway, Dee Dee Bevan, Adam Dowling, Brian Quann, Missy Derr, Shanna Kilen
Second Row: Erin Kerby, Sara Philpott, JR Redding, Jennie Korniotos, Katie Roberts, Becky Bricken, Katie Fox, Kelly Combs, Margaret Hein *Third Row:* Corey Davis, Scott Ramsburg, Matt Morin, Elizabeth Hurlan, Kristin Lichtenfelds, Sarah Bolthouse, Edith Taylor, Kari Cwiak, Joey Hanzel *Back Row:* Liz Campbell, Kurt Chewning, Jason Green, Chris Bunn, Hunter Matheson, Jason Robinson, Elena Daymude, Allison Godfrey, Shannon Morris



Far Left: **Senior Club Officers:**
Front Row: Christy Stoner, John Torrey, Niki Tyson *Second row:* Tia Campbell, Meridith Goggin, Kristi Moyers



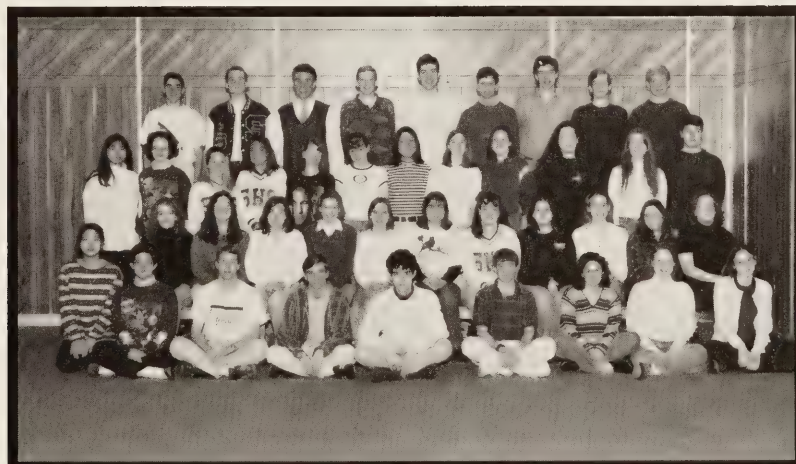
Junior Class Officers: *Front Row:* Rita Botts, Crystal Carper, Amy Cascio *Second Row:* Amanda Sparks, Sara Philpott



Far Left: **Sophomore Class Officers:** Becky Doyal, Amy Parsons, Kate Russell, Kristin Dietz



Freshman Class Officers: Carlee Bruseser, Brandi Lauderman



NHS: *Front Row:* Cecilia Cho, Robin Reedy, Andy Stamps, Mark Lutterbie, Jay Como, Eric Lunney, Beth Goodall, Sarah Bolthouse, Taylor Blackburn *Second Row:* Shannon DiPeppe, Heather Howe, Meredith Liepold, John-Luke Picard, Emily Godfrey, Jamie Thompson, Deanna Weegenter, Whitney Lucado, Sarah Danzi, Amanda Sparks, Becky Bricken, Jamie Ennis *Third Row:* Elizabeth Cho, Melissa Reedy, Becca Kimmitz, Sarah Evans, LJ Johnson, Lisa Schrieber, Gina More, Amy Spitler, Meghann Green, Shirley Barnes, Tiffany Catrett, Ben Malay *Back Row:* Leo Manster, Jon Barnum, Jason McKnight, Justin Sterne, Ryan Gorham, Kurt Chewning, Matt Donaldson, Michael Crossnicker, Mike Donaldson, **Not Pictured:** Jeremy Conrad

Souped up Suburban Rolling across the field, John Agnew's Suburban acts as the Young Democrats Campaign Mobile during the Homecoming Game. Wonder if Agnew ever got all those stickers of his vehicle? *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Political Pals

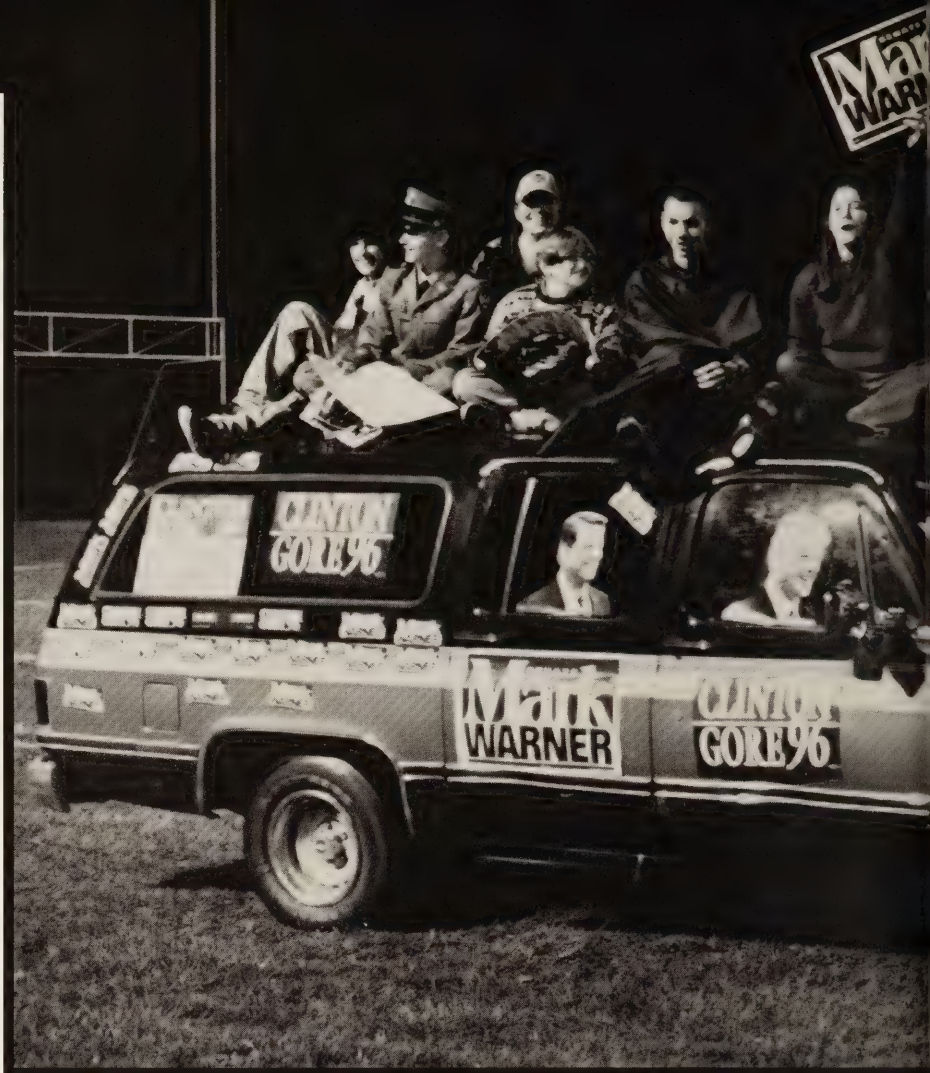
Being in Charge and Politically Correct

Teenagers have a reputation of being in their own little world, and not giving a hoot about the real world. True, that might be the case for some of them, but that is not necessarily a bad thing. But, some of the teenagers do give a hoot and they took part in the Teenage Republicans or Young Democrats clubs, but not both at the same time. That would be politically incorrect. "Just because we are young and can't vote, we still can be a part of politics," said Angela Roberts.

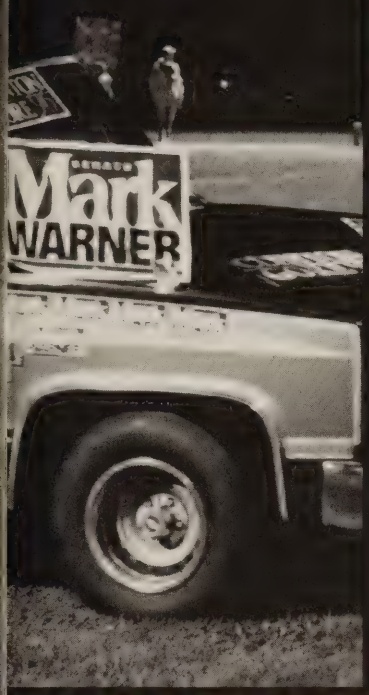
Ben Hall was very proud of himself when he found a creative way to express his political preference, "Republicans Rule, Democrats Drule!". On the opposition, AP History Teacher and Girl's Varsity Soccer Coach John K. Agnew supplied everyone with his incredible words of wisdom when he said "The 1996-1997 group of Young Democrats have been both active and impressive in their efforts. Whether preparing their float, roadside rallying, or electioneering, the Young Democrats displayed a unique flair and pinache, emphasizing their intellect and abilities! I am proud of these people, of their commitment, and of the American two-party system as it pertains to our constitutional republican democracy. We are further looking forward to the emergence of a third party club at Stafford... perhaps the Green or Natural Law Parties." Mr. Agnew needed to catch his breath after spitting out that immense mass of words.

The SCA, Student Council Association, worked to plan nearly all the student activities this year. The most popular one was probably Homecoming. Unbeknownst to many of the students, but there was a great inner-dilemma amongst the SCA about the way to decorate the backdrop of the pictures at Homecoming. Jesse Hanson had one thing in his mind, "Starry, Starry Night." The perfect theme for a backdrop, but no one else liked that idea, in particular Tony Hamerick. In the end, the others involved ruined Jesse's dream and there was not a star to be found in the black sky on the night of November 2nd. "I know we lost at least \$500 in sales that night due to the lack of stars in the backdrop, but that's not what matters. What matters is that the ideal theme for Homecoming had been destroyed," Jesse Hanson complained. Overall, the SCA had a lot of fun and kept the school activities well organized. *Story By Jesse Hanson.*

SCA Officer at Work Listening carefully to Mrs. Keyser's extremely intellectual words, Rebecca Kimmitz focuses on SCA Handouts. Mrs. Keyser was the SCA Advisor, she had a tough job trying to keep all of the SCA Officers and Representatives in control at meetings. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*



TEENAGE REPUBLICANS & YOUNG DEMOCRATS



Blowing by in a Beamer The SCA Mobile was driven by Kevin VanLeer and held the remaining SCA Officers: Assistant Carol Smith, Reporter Lisa Stidham, and Parliamentarian Lisa Mendoza. The remaining SCA members were on the Home Coming Court.

Photo by Mark Hughes.



SCA *First Row:* Lisa Mendoza, Sarah Evans, Lisa Stidham *Second Row:* Jesse Hanson, Matt Donaldson



Young Democrats *Front Row:* Sarah Evans, Liz Kravetz, Joey Katz, Jamie Tompson, Sarah Bolthouse *Second Row:* Brendan Ahearn, Camden Walker, Rita Botts, Lori Ripper



Young Republicans *Front Row:* Alvery Stevens, Bobby Gagnon, Robert Dunn *Second Row:* Christina Grey, Jamie Ennis, Melissa Reedy, Garrett Green *Third Row:* Christina Lincoln, Adam Lincoln, Bryan Ennis, Todd Blose

JUNIOR CIVITANS & KEY CLUB

The Love Shack? Moving ever so elegantly across the field the love shack along with Christina Gray and Sean Mullins and their other Jr. Civitan members, they really got into the homecoming spirit. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Student Services

Working hard to help the community and school.

Often clubs are associated with much hard work, little rewards and no fun. This was not the case with the Jr. Civitan's and the Key Club. The key club not only works hard during the year but during the summer to having car-washes at various locations for the upcoming year. Member of the Key Club Adam Dowling states, "The Key Club isn't a lot of work, and you get out of school for some of the things like the Ferry Farms clean-up. That was beast because we got to rip out the carpet in the house and we got free pizza." The Key Club went to Ferry Farm off route 3 to clean up one of their lots and to strip out one of their buildings before it was sold. The Jr. Civitans work hard throughout the year to find ways to fund themselves. Like the Key Club the Jr. Civitan's is also a service group that helps around school. Junior William Keiner explains, "If I had the time to be in a club I'd probably be in the Key Club or the Jr. Civitan's or something like that but I don't have time for them now." Being in either of these two organizations can become very time consuming for the members within them. Frank Trivett a member of the Key Club said, "The Key Club is a lot of fun but only because Mrs. Gill helps with it." I agree with him completely. Of course like everything else with time it tends to get stressing, this point was made by the ever intelligent Matt Donaldson, "I haven't been in like two months." *Story by Sean Farmer.*



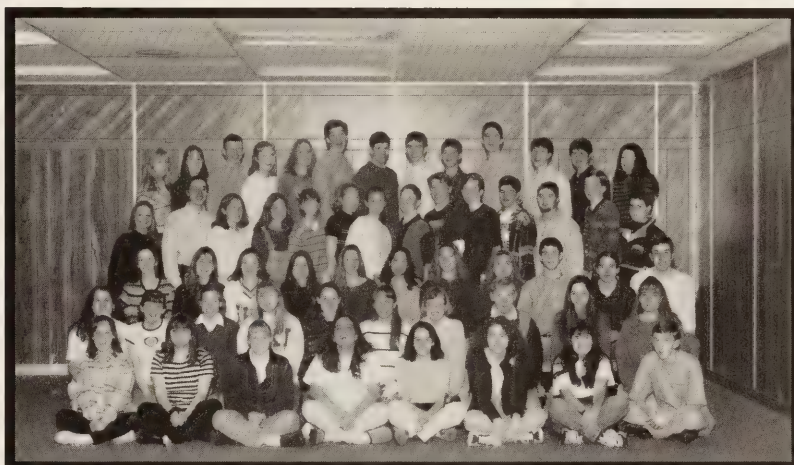
Junior Civitans: *Front Row:* Michell Surles, Missy Derr, Jennifer Phelps, Christy Tokar, Todd Blose *Second Row:* Jennifer McPartland, Irene Wahling, Christina Grey, Allison Derr, Elisa Mercato *Third Row:* Mary Ann DiMaio, Amanda Seal, Jamie Ennis, Shannon Morris, Sean Sullivan

We're having a party! With faces full of pizza key club members Kari Cwiak and Kristi Tokar along with their other guests munch happily away at the Key Club pizza party. Often the clubs had fun events to relax the stress polluted atmosphere of school. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*





Key Club -Senior *Front Row:* Diane Wigglesworth, Kristin Lichtenfels, Katie Fox, Kari Cwiak, Mike Roberts, Christie Tokar, Lisa Stidham, Elizabeth Herlan *Second Row:* Mrs. Gill, Jeremy Cropp, Carol Smith, Deanna Wingerter, Kelly Combs, Jenny Korniotis, Becky Bricken, Heather Howe, Christy Stoner, Kristi Moyers, Elizabeth Goodall *Third Row:* Robin Jones, Meridith Goggin, Keisha Gordine, Kris Denson, Brandon Ratliffe, Amy Peister, Erin Nelson, Tia Cambell, Meagan Staab, JR Redding, Kim Bradley, Alison Godfrey *Fourth Row:* Missy Derr, Jason Ladmirault, Marissa Pugh, Chris Thomas, Jason Green, Chris Westhoff, Turner Ashby, Mike Shugart



Key Club - Juniors *Front Row:* Sarah Jones, Katy Roberts, Amy Cooper, Melissa White, Angie Cline, Dee Dee Bevans, Erin Kerby, Jeremy Conrad *Second Row:* Laura Calloway, Lisa Schrieber, Emily Godfrey, Kerry McKinnon, Edith Taylor, Renee Griffith, Krista Mears, Michael Brown, Rita Botts, Terry Carmichael *Third Row:* Dacia Goldman, Aaron Austin, Danielle King, Sarah Danzi, Amber Spicer, Amy Cascio, Lindsay Coker, Kim Cooper, Lin Thomas, Matt Thompson, Ryan Gorman *Fourth Row:* Abbey Zaambora, Ben Robinson, Sara Philpott, Darla Stevens, Katie Kolakowski, Kim Murphy, Amy Butler, Adam Dowling, Sean Farmer, Michael Crossnicker, Jonathan Truslow, Mike Payne, Justin Sterne, Frankie Trivett *Fifth Row:* Amber Flippo, Katie Jacoby, Chad Martin, Rita Stevenes, Elizabeth Campbell, Matt Donaldson, Kurt Chewing, Bache Whitlock, Jason Bast, Matt Dursa, Jonathan Catalano, Todd Coates, Beth MacDonald



Key Club - Sophomores *Front row:* Darrin Meyers, Kim Anderson, Shannon Leipold, Katie Rogers, Valerie Danielson, Kelly Self, Elisa Mercado, Elizabeth Fordam, Rachel Maloney *Second row:* Jenny Witter, Whitney Eck, Amanda Evans, Brittany Wood, Cand Harpine, Jessica Lee, Nicole Brors, Melisa Rose, Courtney Berry, Darragh Copley, Crystal Tussing, Allison Hales *Third Row:* Jacob Green, Danny Lawlor, Camden Walker, Josh Chamberlain, Kyle Hood, John Payne, Ken Marlow, Katie Kugler, Jeni Wiew, Jessica Pierson, Bonnie Zaiko, Crystal Martinez *Fourth row:* Mike Doremus, Willie McGee, Christian Hilchey, Aluk Gulati, Adam Cwiak, Kari Fredette, Micheal Brown, Laura Crigler, Varlerie Thompson, Brett Lively, Nick Thomas



Key Club - Freshmen *First Row:* Jessica Player, Sarah Edwards, Brooke Davis, Augusta Kuchinski, M.J. Moyers, Heather Gallo, Jessica Lee, Kellie Schremp, Blair Lawrence, Sarah Klein *Second Row:* Kristin McCants, Samatha Wright, Stephanie Heffernan, Diana Young, Erin Hughes, Jake Chambers, Lisa Thomas, Allison Fuller, Julia Davezac, Heather Damco *Third Row:* Joanne Yednock, Dana Cannon, Kate Godfrey, Ashley Ludlow, Cory Norbutes, Brook Thomas, Jennifer Carter, Samantha Wellermen, Meagan Grigsby, Andrea Varga

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Wildfires burned out of control in California during October 1996, spreading fire across thousands and thousands of acres. Although not responsible for the initial start, the Santa Ana winds acted like gasoline on a match, threatening lives, homes, wildlife and wilderness.

Every time the Santa Ana winds would calm down even slightly, an army of fully water-loaded helicopters and airplanes would take to the skies, racing to put an end to the wildfires before the winds picked up.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, 1996 has produced the nation's worst wildfire season in more than four decades. They have claimed more than 6 million acres, the most since the year 1952.

Governor Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency in San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange Counties. President Clinton was asked to declare the counties as disaster areas.



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HURRICANE HORTENSE

After killing 16 people in the Caribbean in mid-September 1996, Hurricane Hortense lost some of his strength, but swaggered to the northeastern United States.

In the midst of the death and destruction brought by Hortense was the heroic rescue of a one-year-old child, Cassandra Gomez. Five family members had been trapped for hours on the second story of their home near Guayama, Puerto Rico. During their rescue, Miguel Ariel Rodriguez (left) and Jose Luis de Leon risked their own lives in the struggle to keep the baby from falling into the rushing waters. And happily, it was a successful endeavor.

TWA FLIGHT 800

On July 17, 1996, a Boeing 747 jumbo jet took off from JFK International Airport in New York, never to reach its destination in Paris. TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed into the ocean in hundreds of pieces. There were no survivors of the 230 people aboard.

Several makeshift memorials scattered the coast of Fire Island (NY) — some erected by family, some by friends and some by those paying tribute to victims who lost their lives in the crash.

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MICHAEL JOHNSON

Michael Johnson knows how to close out a deal quickly and efficiently. When he thought that his 1996 Olympic rivals in the men's 200 meter might threaten his 19.66 world record, he upped the ante. He broke it himself, coming in with a 19.32 time.

When Johnson won the 40 a few days earlier, he didn't have to do anything special to leave the field gasping for air somewhere near the parking lot. An Olympic record of 43.49 was good enough.

Johnson runs the way no one dares to imagine — legs churning low to the ground, back straight in perfect posture — truly something to behold.

Like Bob Beamon leaping beyond the bounds of reason. Like Roger Bannister doing what nobody believed possible. Like Bob Hayes busting the 10-second barrier. Johnson didn't merely complete an unprecedented golden double in the 200 and 400, he made a joke of his own world record.

The 200 record had never been broken by such a large margin. Even Johnson couldn't believe it.



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KERRI STRUG

Kerri Strug came to the Olympics with two goals, to make the all-around women's gymnastics finals and have a good time. While accomplishing these, she became the darling of Atlanta.

Strug's vault that sealed America's first Olympic team gold medal and made her the country's newest sweetheart also left her with two torn ligaments and a sprained left ankle.

Missing the all-around was especially disappointing for Strug because not making the event in Barcelona is what motivated her over the four years leading up to Atlanta.

Sure, she wanted to win the team medal as much as anyone. And she was proud of her role as the anchorwoman in floor exercise and vault. But making the all-around was what kept her going as she shuffled between gyms around the country.

"Winning the team gold medal has been a dream come true, but it's also a little bit hard knowing that I finally did accomplish what I wanted so badly in '92 and it may be taken away," she said before the injury forced her to pull out of the final.

The sadness of missing again is sure to be pacified by TV appearances, magazine covers, or however heroes are promoted.

The royal treatment started when Bela Karolyi, Strug's coach, carried his latest star back into the arena for the medal presentation. She then wrapped her arms around the shoulders of Miller and Moceanu for a boost up the platform.



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President Clinton made a determined case for a second term August 29, 1996, in a climactic convention address that took credit for blocking Republican budget cuts and promised an array of new help for poor and middle-class families.

"Hope is back in America," Clinton declared.

Clinton accepting his party's presidential nomination for the second time, and in prepared remarks he said the economy had roared back to life under his watch, creating 10 million new jobs even as the federal government payroll shrunk. In a second term, he pledged to balance the federal budget.

Clinton's speech was the finale of a Democratic convention remarkable for its show of unity. The Democrats were heading home in an unfamiliar position: Heavily favored to win. Not since Franklin Roosevelt in 1944 has a Democratic incumbent been re-elected, and Clinton's 1992 victory was only the second for a Democrat in the seven presidential elections of the past 30 years.

"As long as I am president, I will never allow cuts that devastate education for our children, pollute our environment end the guarantee of health care under Medicaid or violate our duty to our parents under Medicare," Clinton said. "Never."



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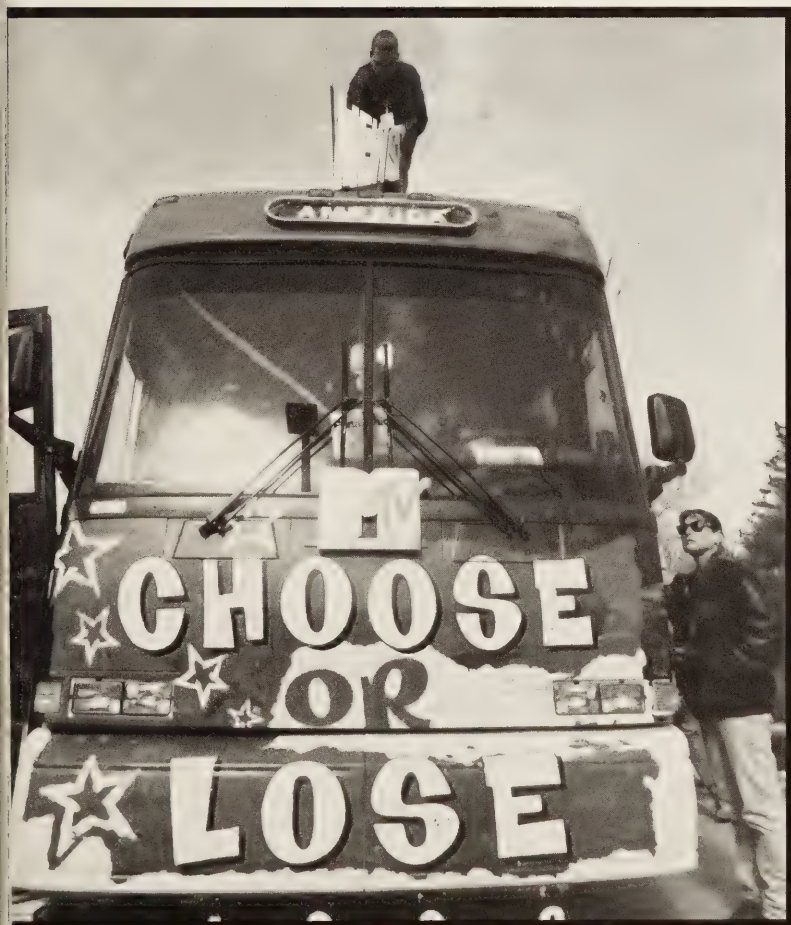
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Offering himself as a "bridge to a time of tranquility," Bob Dole accepted the GOP presidential nomination on August 15, 1996, vowing to restore heartland values of faith and trust to a White House he called captive to elitists "who never sacrificed or suffered."

Warming up the crowd for Dole was Republican vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp, whose enthusiastic embrace of the Dole tax plan was matched only by an emphatic pledge to expand the Republican Party by reaching out to blue-collar and minority voters.

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ALANIS MORISSETTE

Alanis Morissette is at the top of her profession these days. With sales of "Jagged Little Pill" reaching 13 million, the 22-year-old Canadian singer/songwriter's debut in the United States became the best-selling album by a female artist.

After Morissette won four Grammys in February 1996, including one for album of the year, "Pill" sold at least 200,000 copies a week for seven consecutive weeks.

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SMASHING PUMPKINS

The Smashing Pumpkins (from left, Billy Corgan, D'Arcy, and James Iha) pose backstage after receiving the award for Best Video of the Year at the MTV Video Music Awards in New York on September 4, 1996.

The 8-year-old band, from Chicago, IL, rose to the status of superstar with its release of "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness." The double album has exceeded 6 million copies and the number is still growing.

In spite of the tragic death of veteran keyboard player, Jonathan Melvoin and the firing of drummer, Jimmy Chamberlain, The Smashing Pumpkins continue to climb.

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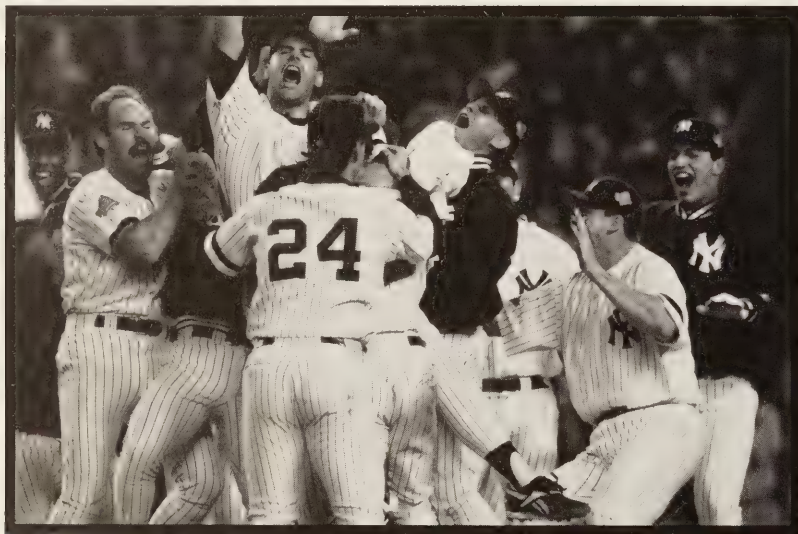
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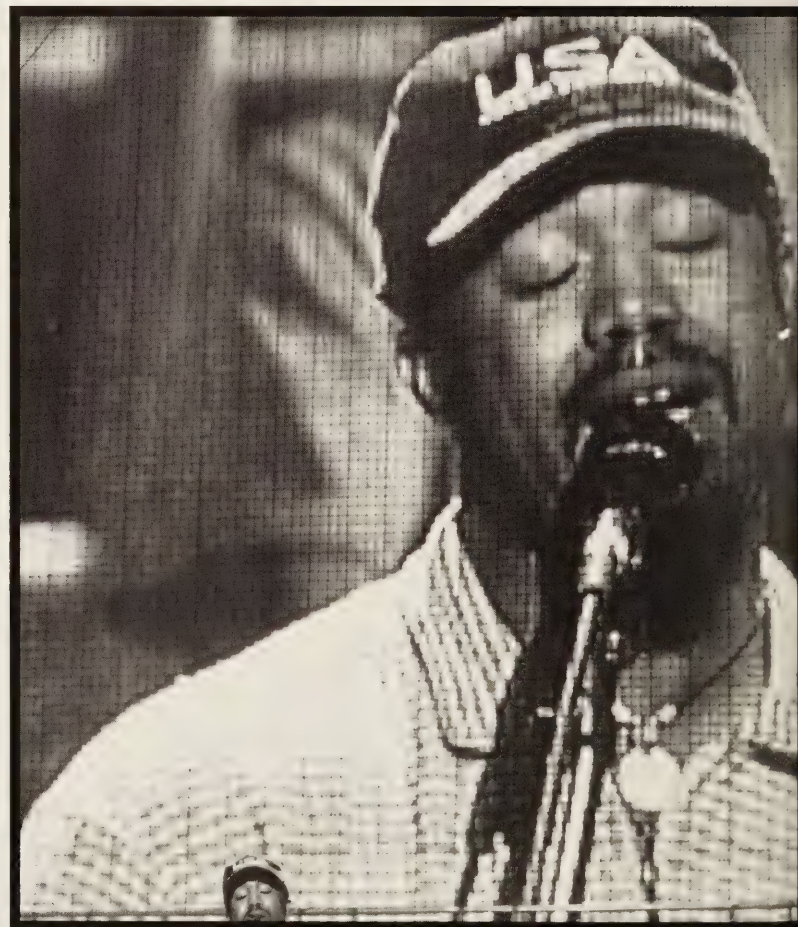
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Given no chance after two humbling losses at home, the Yankees won the first World Series title since 1978 with a 3-2 victory over the defending champion Atlanta Braves in Game 6 on Saturday, October 26, 1996. This marked the Yankees' 23rd title, most in history and surely on of their most remarkable.

HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH

Darius Rucker of Hootie and the Blowfish rehearsed onstage at New York's Radio City Music Hall on September 6, 1996, for the MTV Video Music Awards that would take place later that evening. And to the crowd's pleasure, they gave an outstanding live performance.

When Hootie and the Blowfish do their thing, you can't help but be impressed with the quality of their songs. "Be the One" is one of Rucker's favorites, and "Sad Caper" pairs an upbeat melody with downbeat lyrics, remembers a failed relationship.





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ASTRONAUT SHANNON LUCID

A cheering crowd of hundreds and a handshake from President Clinton greeted astronaut Shannon Lucid as she returned home on September 27, 1996, a day after ending her record six-month journey in space.

The 53-year-old biochemist left Houston in March for a 4 1/2 month mission to the Russian space station Mir. Her ride home was delayed seven weeks by mechanical and weather problems, but she never once complained aloud.



JOHN F. KENNEDY JR. WEDDING

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In a world of celebrity reporting, stories don't get much bigger than this. Alone, the wedding of a president's son, or the world's most eligible bachelor would grab a headline. But when one person is both of those things, when the name is Kennedy, it is huge.

Yet John F. Kennedy Jr. managed to wed Carolyn Bessette on Cumberland Island of the coast of Georgia, outside the sights of the paparazzi that have been trained on him since he was a toddler at the White House. "This wedding was so super secret that there were family members that did not know about it," said Boston Herald gossip columnist Laura Raposa.

"I have to commend them. They did it quietly, secretly and were in and out before anyone knew what happened," said Frank Poparo, who has photographed the Kennedys for a dozen years on Cape Cod.

For his part, Kennedy issued a statement, explaining the secrecy. "It was important for us to be able to conduct this in a private, prayerful and meaningful way with the people we love."



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DENNIS RODMAN

Chicago Bulls basketball star Dennis Rodman taped a scene with Kristen Johnston and Joseph Gordon-Levitt (left) on the set of "3rd Rock from the Sun" for the weekly television show which appeared in September 1996. Rodman played himself in the episode but was recognized as an alien by one of the show's cast members. Not surprising.

Just a month earlier, this 35-year-old — aka "The Worm" — appeared in New York, promising that he would simultaneously sign books and make some lucky woman Mrs. Worm. There was no bride, but Rodman put on a sideshow so appalling, yet lucrative, that it could have convinced P.T. Barnum to dump the circus and buy an NBA franchise.

Dennis Rodman, author of the best-selling autobiography "Bad As I Wanna Be," signed copies of his book beneath a mural with the 20th century's great writers: Hemingway, Orwell, Nabakov, Joyce. His pen was clasped in a hand delicately sheathed in silk, arm-length gloves.

As he does on the court, Rodman was creating chaos.

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CHELSEA CLINTON

Though she is still not a public figure, still not playing a formal political role, chelsea Clinton, the poised, precocious 16-year-old is slowly developing a public life.

Of the first day of a long campaign, Chelsea asked if she could be present. her parents said, "Fine. It's up to you if you want to do it," explained White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

Sonthere she was: sharing the stage with her father, the president, and mother. As the huge crowd shouted "Four more years!" and rose to applaud the president's closing lines, Chelsea joined him at the front of the stage to wave.

She even borrowed her mother's political touch, picking a specific person in the crowd, pointing and giving a knowing nod and a wave. When her father stepped off the stage to shake hands, Chelsea pressed the flesh with local politicians.

For anybody who watched Chelsea grow up in Arkansas, or blossom into a young lady in Washington, even these tiny touches of public life would be surprising. But the high school junior has steadily become more comfortable in public settings.

"She's very much a poised young lad, but not that much interested in politics," McCurry said. "She's very much interested in her mom and dad."

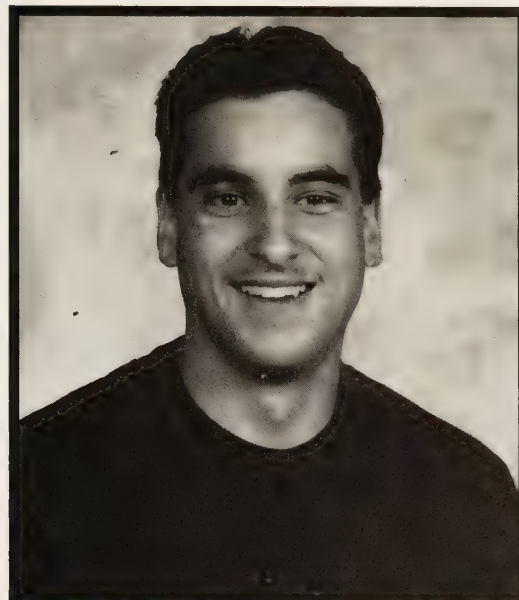


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OLYMPIC BOMBING

On July 27, 1996, a pipe bomb exploded at 1:20 AM, killing Alice Hawthorne of Albany, GA, and injuring 111 others. A Turkish cameraman rushing to the scene died of a heart attack. Richard Jewell, a security guard working in the park, alerted police to a suspicious knapsack and helped evacuate people just moments before it exploded.

Jewell was hailed as a hero, and numerous interviews were requested. But just a day or two later, a local newspaper identified Jewell as the prime suspect.

Investigators looked at Jewell after the Olympics Park bombing as someone who had a history of overzealousness and a desire to be a hero. Plus, he was near where the bomb exploded.

With such elements fitting the profile of a lone bomber, but with no hard evidence, they went after him — and struck out spectacularly.

After three months of an investigation that involved 11 federal, state and local agencies and more than 200 people, Jewell was publicly cleared as a target of the bomb investigation.

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NETANYAHU & ARAFAT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Marathon negotiations in early October 1996 between Israeli and Palestinian leaders failed to resolve bitter differences that exploded in Mideast violence and jeopardized the fragile peace process. But the two sides agreed to press ahead. Leaving the White House, Netanyahu vigorously shook Arafat's hand, clasping it with both hands for several seconds. Clinton beamed. Arafat saluted Clinton before stepping into his car. The president returned the gesture.

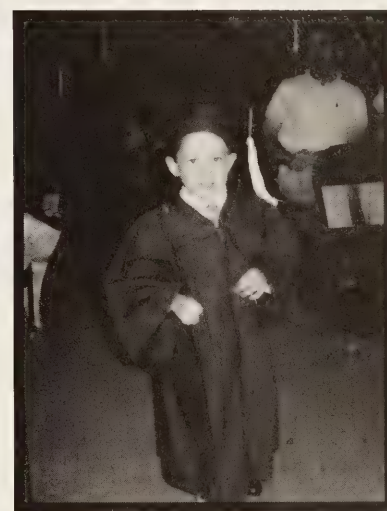
RUSSIAN PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN

There was something improbable about the sight of Boris Yeltsin, snowy hair waxed into his rigid, trademark pompadour, indulging in a bit of boogie at a pop concert. He looked like a dancing bear. But thousands of young people basking in free music and festive spirits didn't seem to care. They roared thier approval as the 65-year-old candidate swiveled and grinned.



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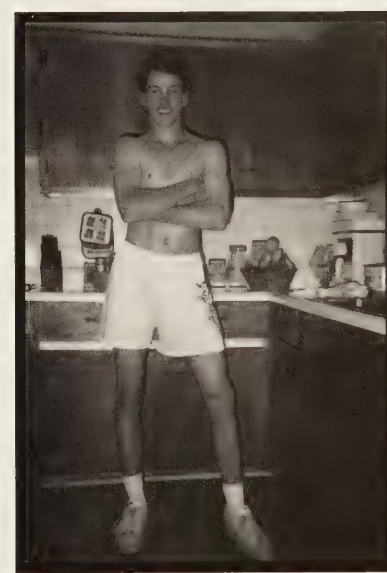
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The sudden success of the 20-year-old Tiger Woods in his first two months as a professional has focused attention on golf in a way unseen since the days of Arnold Palmer. The difference this time is that Woods, barely removed from being a teenager himself, appears to be drawing teens and pre-teens to the game in astonishing numbers.



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Another year, another book. The seemingly endless process is completed. I would like to give a special thanks to the entire yearbook staff for all of their time and effort. Without everyone's work we would not be able to pull it off.

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Last but not least, our faithful advisor, Mr. Hughes was the enforcer who made everyone turn in their deadlines and write these other odd things. To all of the other members of the staff thanks for your hard work and I hope you all return next year to continue the Indian tradition of a great yearbook. To all the people who complain about the yearbook just talk to someone on the staff or better yet come join the staff and find out how much work is really involved.

Good Luck To All,
Heather Howe / Editor-in-Chief

Another year and another yearbook. Thanks to the hard work of the yearbook staff, the Indian Legend proves to be another success. This would not have been possible without the expertise, wisdom, guidance, (and oh yeah), PATIENCE of the wonderful Mr. Mark Hughes. Also, valuable were the "veterans" of the staff: Christy Stoner, Heather Howe, Jesse Hanson, and Brian Ennis. Thanks for your dedication and excellent work throughout the years. Also, thanks to the writers who always managed to produce their stories for me. (Especially Mark Lutterbie who always turned the most innocent story into something "adult".) And last but definitely not least, thanks to the designers, Karli, Jeremy, and Frank who worked hard but did a fantastic job! And I can't forget Matt Donaldson who was not on the staff, but still contributed in his many little, odd-ball ways.

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The Great Make-over

What would possibly possess nine Stafford Indians to shed all their self-respect and sanity to wear chest enhancements (aka artificial breast for all you anatomically incorrect people) and pantyhose for an evening? I was one of those nine guys and I have no idea why I did that.

It was a crazy night in which only one she-male would come away with the ultimate glory- a hot date with the master of ceremonies John Agnew!!!! Unfortunately, Mr. Agnew declined and we had to settle for the title of Miss Googa Mooga 1997. Between the cheers of Miss Sharon Spirit (Brandon Ratliffe) and the swingin' hips of Miss Freeka Nature (Michael Donaldson) the auditorium turned into a sauna. "It was a lot more fun then I had expected, and I wasn't even nervous. I just went out there and did my thing," said Miss Anita Depends (Chris Cahill). Well, I suppose if that's your thing then you might as well do it and be

proud. So after everyone "did their thing," whether it was fighting it out, blow and thrust with light sabers, or fixing a stroller, they crowned the most feminine man of them all. So after the steam had parted and everyone in the audience returned their clothes to the proper places, it was Miss Little Debbie (Kevin Graham) who was crowned Miss Googa Mooga and Miss Ivana Manda Level (John Torrey) was named runner-up.

And so the night ended, but it will hardly be forgotten. The image of nine guys in dresses had scarred the minds of all who attended. In defense of myself (Miss Senora Princesa Leia), I reiterate to one certain individual (mi novia, Fudge, SaharaAnn, the Angel, etc.) that I will NOT wear the dress to prom. It would look oh, so much better on you. *Story by Mark Lutterbie*

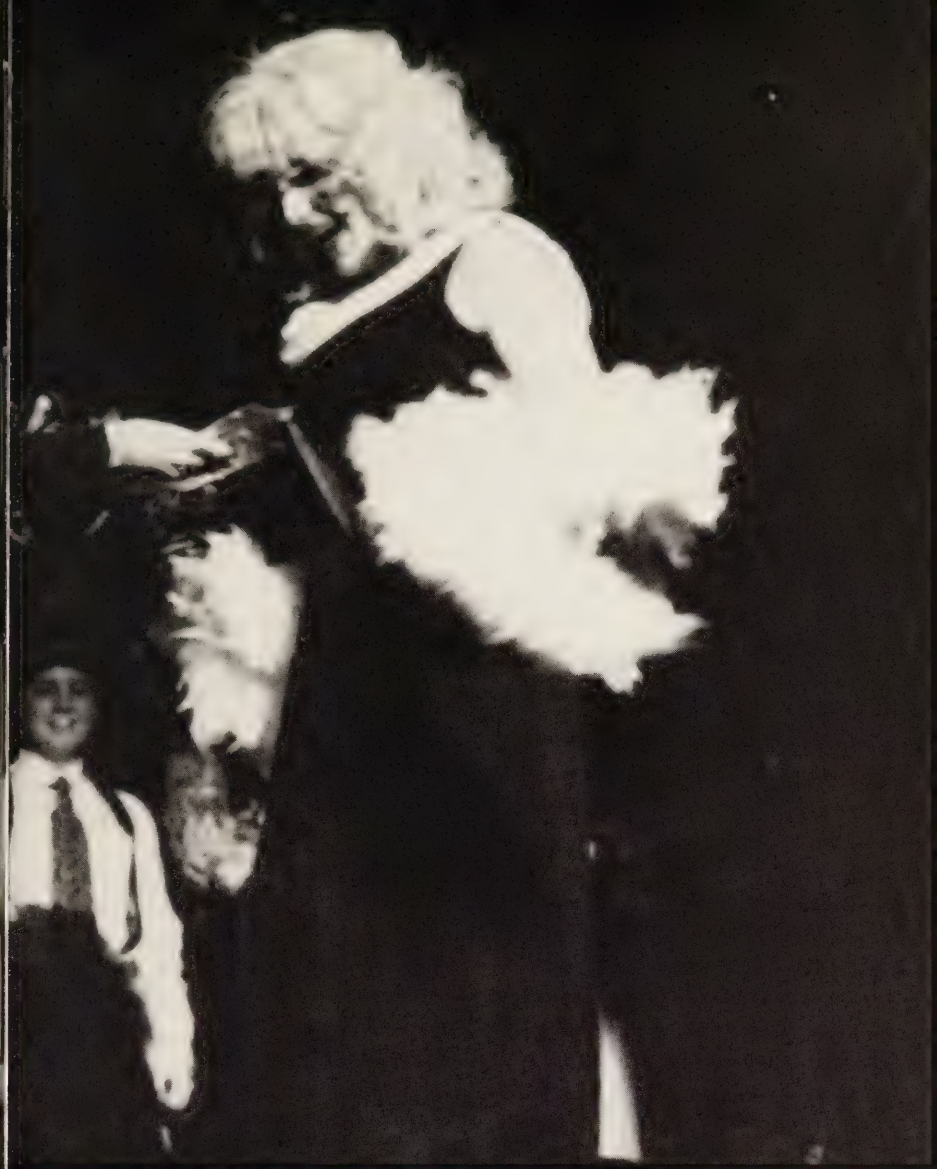
Lookin' pretty.

Standing provocatively, John Torrey (Miss Ivana Manda Level) and Kevin Graham (Miss Little Debbie) strike a pose for the audience.

Standing beside their men, Melissa Derr and Christy Stoner offer support to the contestants, which some of them really needed to stay sane.

Photo by Mary Smart.





Miss Googa Mooga 1997!! Receiving the title of Miss Googa Mooga, Kevin Graham shares the moment with senior class president Niki Tyson. It was a fierce competition between these women... men... things... or whatever. *Photo by Mary Smart.*

Poets are Realists. Reading his poem, John Torrey (Miss Ivana Manda Level) eggs on the crowd. The wide variety of talents displayed was baffling and really raised some very serious concerns about the future of this world when we are older. *Photo by Mary Smart.*



If looks could kill... Glaring at the camera, Mark Lutterbie (Senora Princesa Leia) has his hair fixed for competition by escorts Karen Mann and Sarah Bolthouse. Wearing wigs and make-up was quite the experience for the guys who were brave enough to participate in this event. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*

All Dressed Up Escorted on the stage, master of ceremonies John Agnew is looking mighty spiffy as he is brought out by his lovely escorts Melissa Derr and Christy Stoner. Mr. Agnew put up with the constant harassment from the contestants. *Photo by Jenn Stockdill.*



Smokin'!!!! Looking rather tasty, Brandon Ratliffe (Miss Sharon Spirit) stands in her evening gown with escort Beth DiSalvo. The evening gowns unfortunately caused some to debate about who should wear the dress at prom. Despite catcalls from the audience, the contestants all had an interesting, but -good, time being women for a night. *Photo by Mary Smart.*

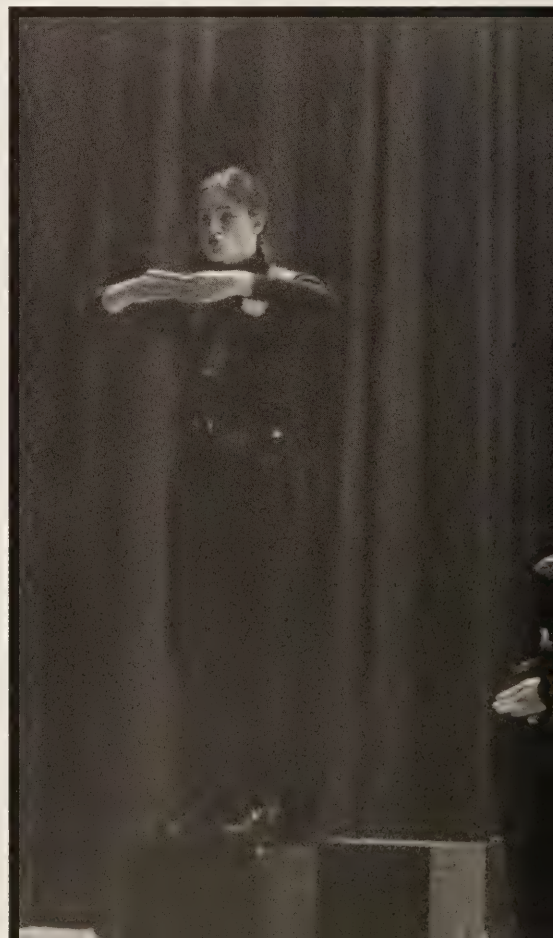
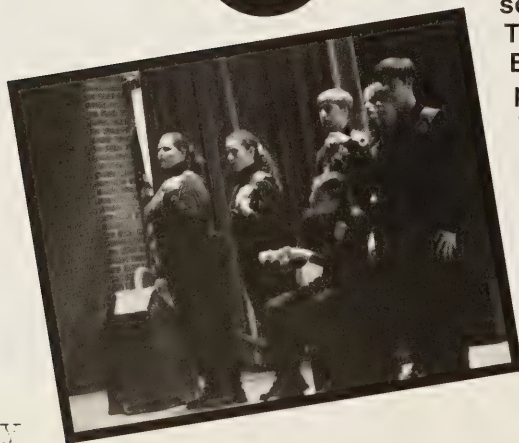
Plugged In At the opening of the play, members of the cast carry out an over-sized plug to place into an electrical outlet. There were various happenings which occurred throughout the play. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

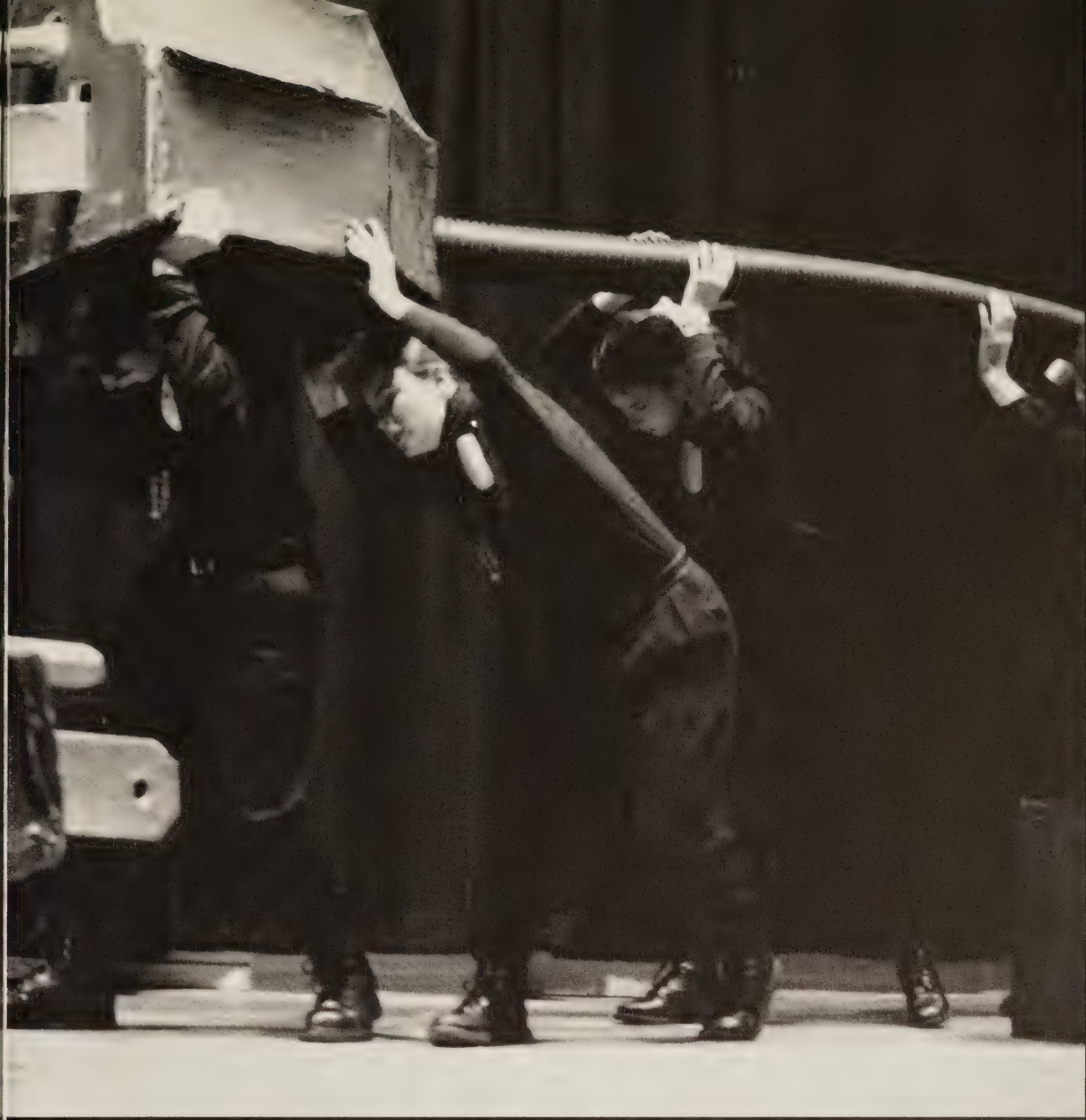
"Screen"

The Drama Club excelled during 1996-1997 with their secondary one act play "Screen." They wrote the play themselves and worked hard to perfect it. Their gallant effort paid off when they were able to perform "Screen" at the Southeast Theatre Competition in Miami, Florida. The trick was though, they had to pay for the trip themselves. The Drama Club sponsored events such as the performance of "An Act Along Christmas Carol" and performing their own play "Screen" for a small fee. The hard work paid off and the Drama people eventually made it to Florida. Kevin Graham reminisced about the trip and said "We made a lot of friends and raised a lot of heck. While everyone else was in class we were sitting in the sun." Joey Hanzel also shared his experiences and commented "We went out to eat almost all our meals. No one will forget the Capital Grille, no one goes in and no one goes out." (Joey assured me that only the Drama people would know what that means.) Despite all their fun, the members managed to win second place out of ten states. They also won the title of Best Technical Crew and Best Ensemble. Several local colleges were present at the competition and were very enthusiastic about "Screen." The Drama Club's superior effort and talent proved beneficial with their success in Florida. *Story by Gina More.*

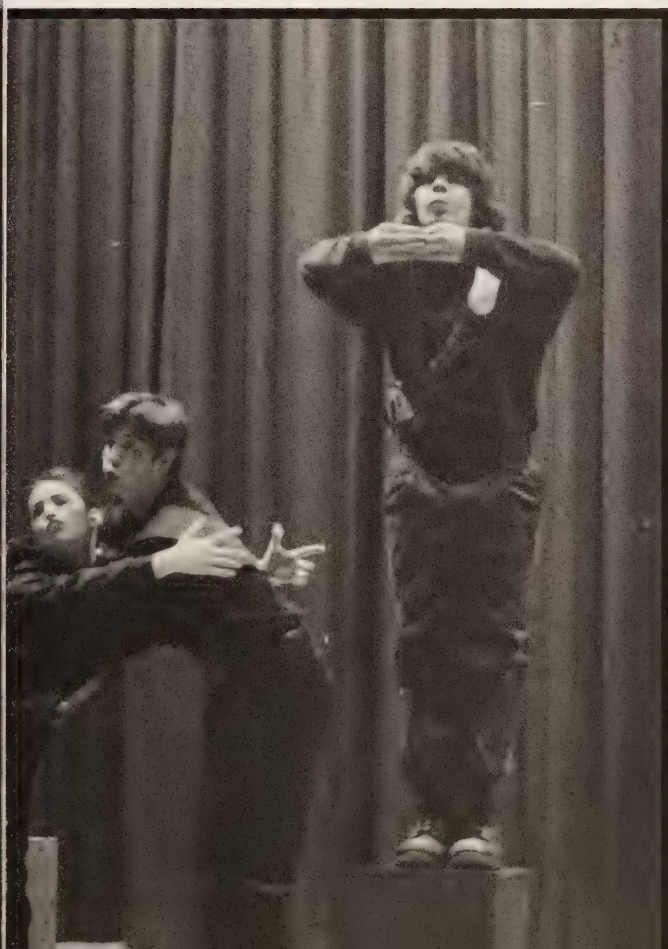
At Attention In the forefront, Janet Douberly, April Grigg, Scott Ramsburg, and Morgan Baker make sound effects as Taylor Blackburn pretends to type. Teamwork and cooperation was important for success in the Drama department.

Photo by Mark Hughes.





Pondering Performing in "Screen," Dennis Carmody acts out a part as a computerized student who just woke up. The members of Drama Club worked long hours to come out as winners. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



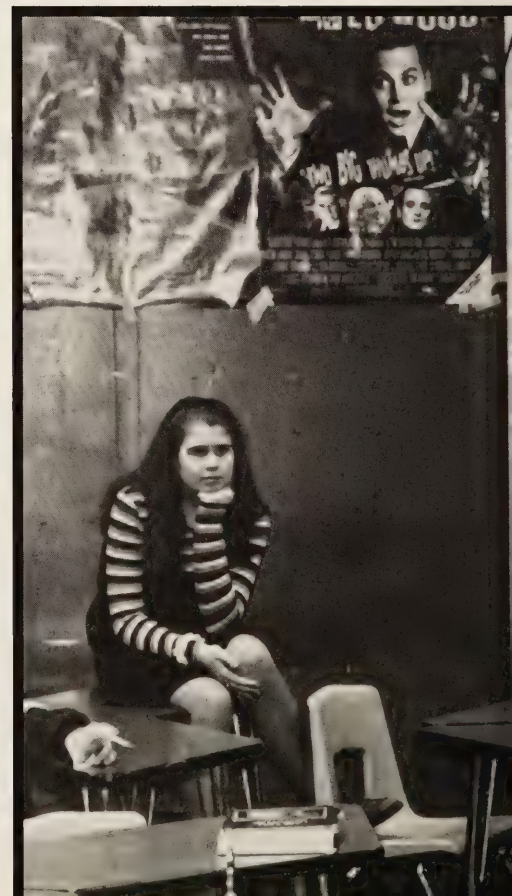
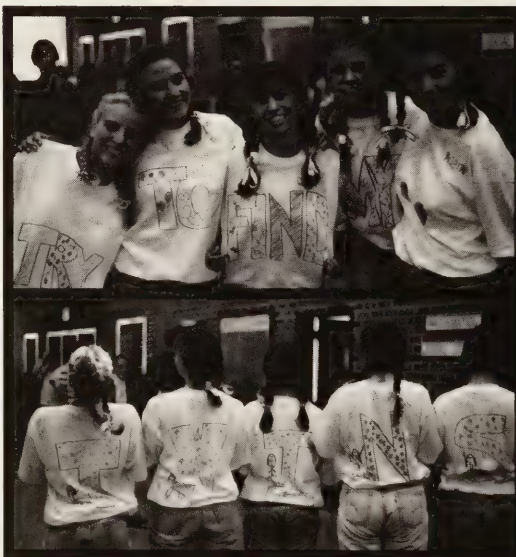
Remote Control Entranced by the media, Dennis Carmody, Becky Hamm, Kramer Thompson, Sarah Bolthouse, and Mandy Smith are oblivious to all around them. Scott Ramsburg is on the ground because of "media burn-out." "Screen" revolved around the plot of how media affects society. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*

Robots Acting like robots because media has corrupted them, Taylor Blackburn, Mandy Smith, Morgan Baker, and Nick Boeke get into their parts. It took a lot of skill and practice to perfect their routines. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Going for the Win Lining up before a wrestling meet at Brooke Point, the team prepares mentally. Their hard work and rigorous practice paid off with their winning season. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

Spirit in Full Force On Twins Day, Christy Stoner, Meredith Goggin, Dana Bonelli, Kim Bradley, and Robin Jones wear their "twins" t-shirts. Each had a single word on their t-shirt, but together it formed a sentence. *Photo by Christy Stoner.*



More Than Meets The Eye

There was always more than met the eye during the 1996-1997 school year. The year did not consist mainly of school work and teacher's lectures, but also excellent sports seasons and memorable activities. The boys' cross country team won the state tournament, the football team brought back the "Bell" from North Stafford, in fall sports alone Stafford won five out of six district banners, and the Drama Club won first place in the Virginia Theater Association's

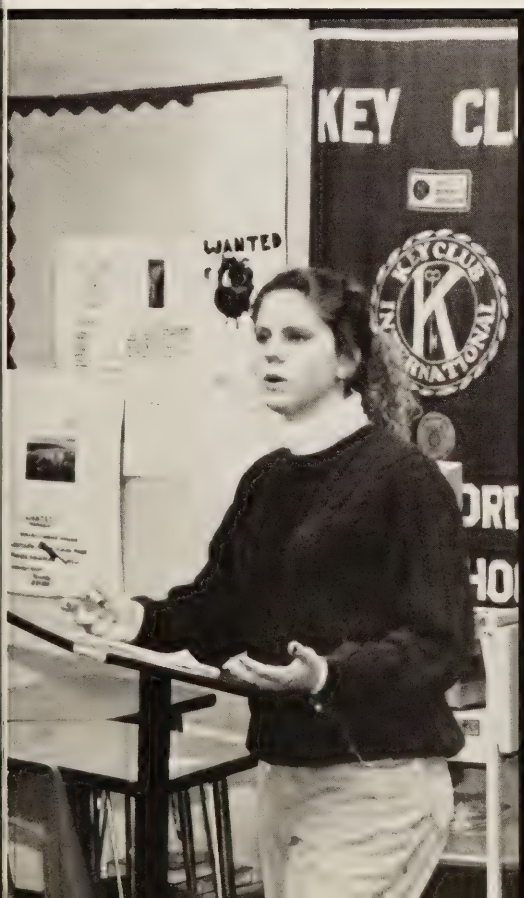
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Concentration Drawing during art class, Renee Griffin creates a self portrait. Students were assigned many projects throughout the year to better their artistic skills. *Photo by Mark Hughes.*



Bringing it Back! Cheering with Derek Fults, Jerome Hill celebrates the bringing back of The Bell from North Stafford. Despite their losses, the football team persevered and won back The Bell. *Photo by Derek Fults.*



Taking Charge Discussing upcoming events for the Key Club, President Kari Cwiak relays the information. Key Club was a very active club throughout the year, which colleges upon favorably. *Photo by Ben Malay.*

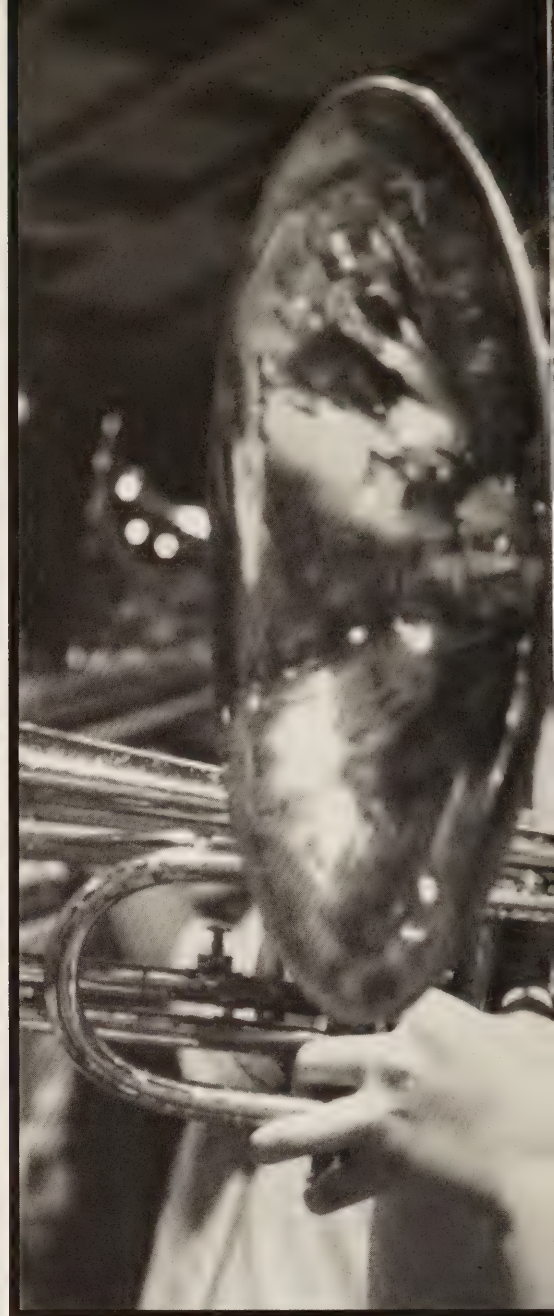
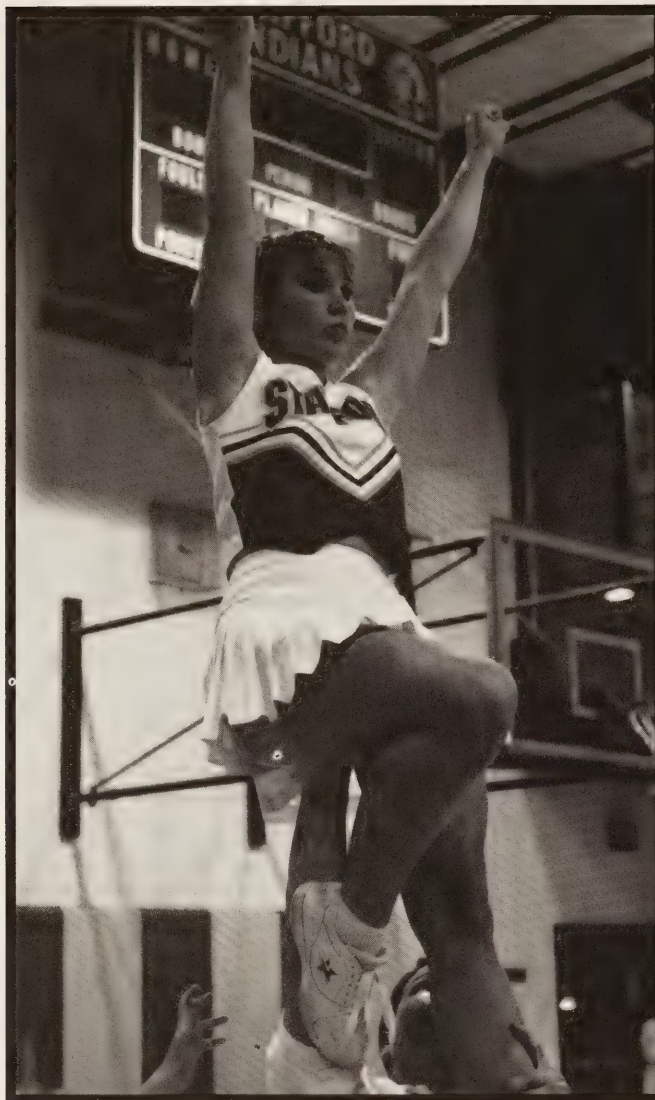
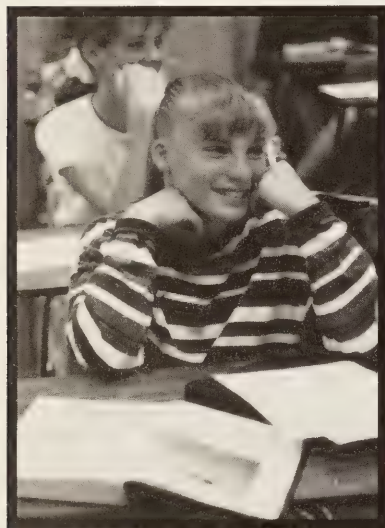
In the Spotlight Performing during a pep rally, Emily Driver plays her trumpet. The band was always present during football games and pep rallies to boost the spirits of the student body.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Showing Spirit Performing during a pep rally, Beth Patton is lifted up by Aaron Prowett. The cheerleaders practiced long hours to perfect their routines. All of their hard work paid off when they made it to State competition in Newport News.

Photo by Mark Hughes.

Havin' Fun While in class, Charlotte Cortage smiles at the events taking place. The classroom setting was not always school work and lectures, but also had a light-spirited side.



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One Act Competition and second place in the South-Eastern Regional Theater Conference with the one act play "Screen." It was an explosive year for students and many surpassed goals that they had only imagined they would accomplish.

During the high school experience many friendships were made along with many memories. Andy Craver commented, "I've been here so long I've got me a headache." Other students, such as Adam Lincoln said, "I have been exposed to many different types of people. That was the highlight of my time in high school." Senior Angela Roberts already had her future plans set out for after graduation, "I'm going to Germanna for a year then transferring somewhere else." She also said "meeting the different people and my boyfriend, Ben Hall has been the most memorable experiences." 1996-1997 was not the normal school year: many goals were achieved and many memories were made to last a lifetime.

Story by Gina More.

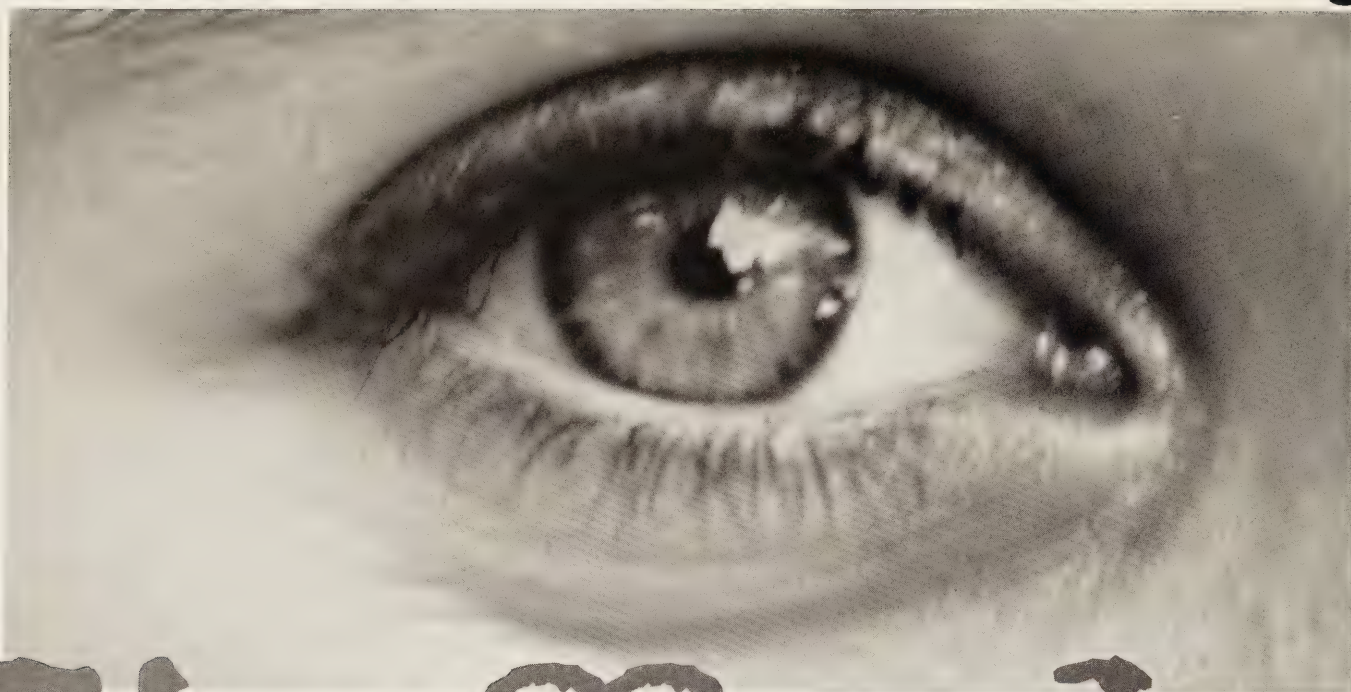




Smile Pretty Posing in a group, Rita Stevens, Liz Campell, Jeff Rouse, Darla Stevens, Carl Braun, and Meleana Kala smile for the camera. Jeff Rouse and Carl Braun were guest speakers at an assembly where motivation was discussed. *Photo by Carol Smith.*

Crrackkk Seeing how much weight a physics bridge could hold, Mr. Byrne watches as the one before him collapses. Every year, physics students had to construct a bridge out of toothpicks as a project for the class.

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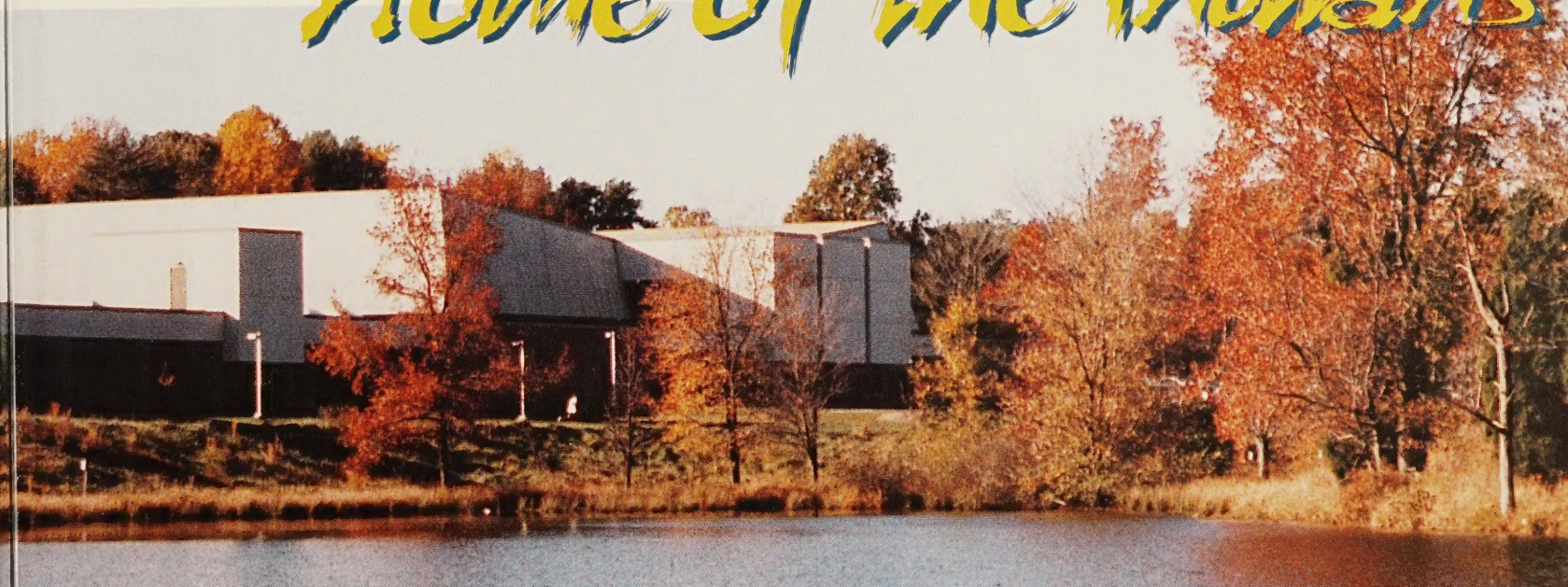
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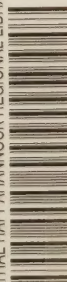
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Nothing is what it appears to be. At first glance a 20 year old building containing over 1600 students may seem like a dilapidated, overcrowded, school with no life. However, if one were to look further, they may find that "entering the doors of Stafford is an exuberating extravaganza exposing us to

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